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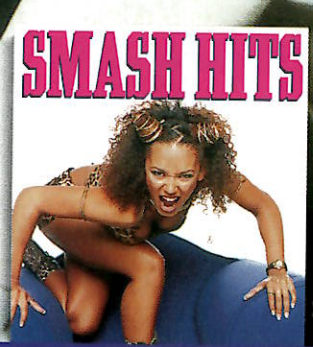

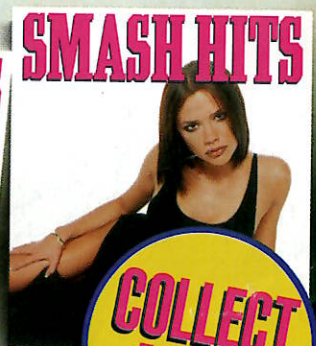

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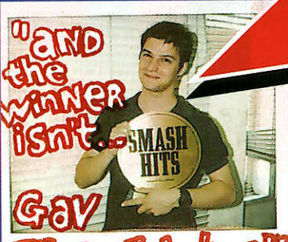

Wa-hey and welcome to a record breaking issue of *Smash Hits*! Five different covers, one of each Spice Girl! Swit-swoo I say! Read the exclusive interview starting on page 14! Plus, it's *Smash Hits* Poll Winner's Party time again! Read all about it on page 54, and fill in your voting form on page 56! It's up to you lot who's gonna walk away with a world-famous *Smash Hits* award on November 30th... Meanwhile, the *Smash Hits* Pop Bus is filling up with stars, with Kavvy-Kav jumping on for a chat! What's more, Boyzone unveil their new look, AJ Backstreet helps himself to biccies from the tin and our Nelson hangs out with 911, BSB, OTT, Louise and millions more! *Smash Hits* eh? Best magazine on the planet eh? You betcha! See you all in two weeks, and 'til then take care of yourselves...

Gavin X

Gavin Reeve, Editor

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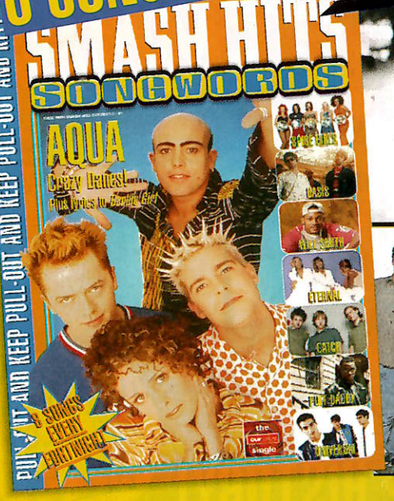

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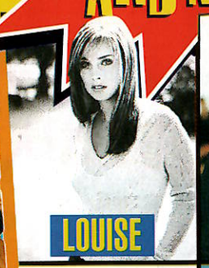

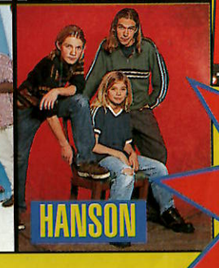

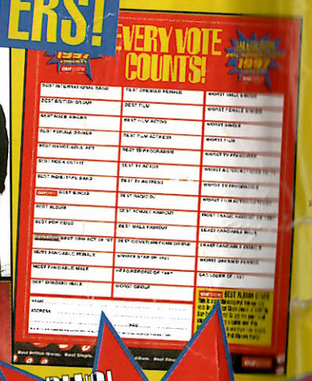

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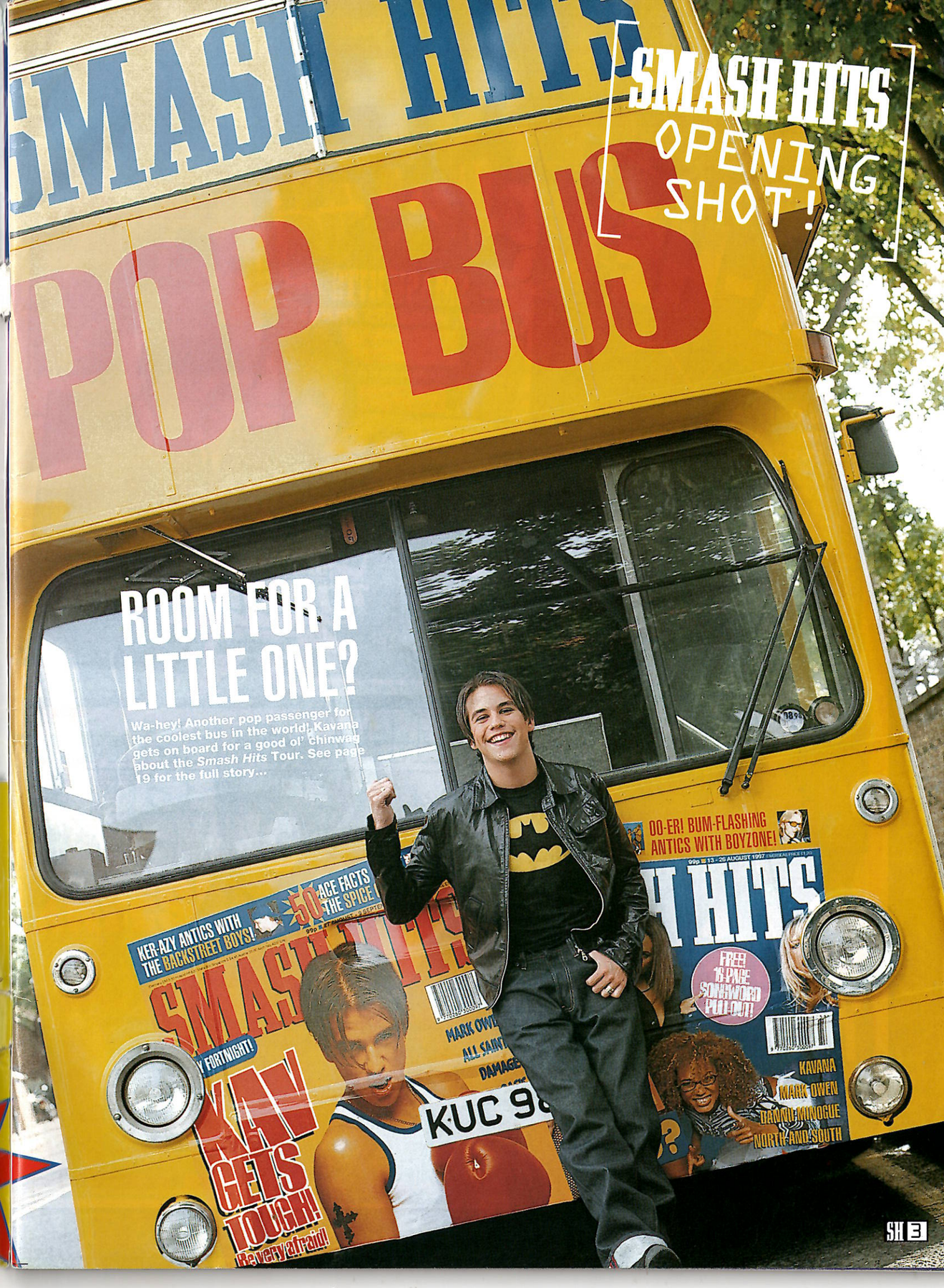
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ROOM FOR A LITTLE ONE?
Wa-hey! Another pop passenger for the coolest bus in the world! Kavana gets on board for a good ol' chinwag about the *Smash Hits* Tour. See page 19 for the full story...
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WA-HEY!

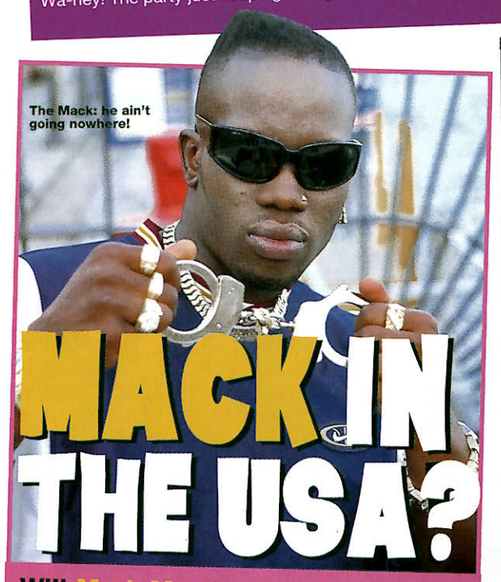
Spice Girls to appear at Poll Winners Party and Boyzone board the Pop Bus

Yippee! What's causing so much excitement in the *Hits* office? News that the Spice Girls will be appearing at our fab Poll Winners Party on November 30th that's what. But that's not all! Boyzone have also confirmed that as well as playing at the party they'll be appearing on the *Smash Hits* Tour too.

Ireland's five finest will be boarding the Pop Bus for one night only in Sheffield on Friday, November 21st. See 'em on stage alongside 911, Kavana, OTT and a whole Pop Bus load more.

For full tour dates, line up and ticket details turn to page 19. For your Poll Winners voting form, ticket details and show info turn to page 54.

STOP PRESS... Just confirmed. 911, Blackstreet and Texas will all be appearing at the Poll Winners Party 1997. Wa-hey! The party just keeps growing.



The Mack: he ain't going nowhere!

MACK IN THE USA?

Will Mark Morrison quit Britain?

Rumours were sweeping Planet Pop that Mark Morrison might leave Britain 'cos he was tired of being harrassed by the law. However, The Mack assures us they were not true. "Britain's my home and I might as well go back to prison if I can't live here," he thundered. "I make an honest living, I have a right to live in England!" So there!

WHERE'S OUR MATES?

Hanson: fly guys.

Oh here they are! Hanson fly mates to see them play.

Being a hee-uge international pop act and travelling all over the world often means you hardly ever get to see your mates. But not so for Hanson. The li'l lads figured if they couldn't get home to see their pals they'd get their friends to come to them!

So the generous brothers recently flew ten of their fave mates from their home town Oklahoma to New York to watch them making a long form video. What nice guys.

SUPER!

Some super things about Supergrass

- They were originally called The Jennifers back when Gaz was only 15.
- Ages before Hanson, Danny was in a band called, erm, 'Fallopian Tubes'. He was only ten!
- Chris Goffey, daddy of Danny, is a BBC2 *Top Gear* presenter. Vrroom.
- There's a lawn care 'metroplex' in Dallas, America called Supergrass. It's no relation.
- Rumours have linked Gaz with modelling contracts, big movie roles and love-links with many lay-dees. In actual fact he lives with his girlfriend in a quiet house in Brighton. He moved there 'cos Oxford was too hectic!

NAUGHTY BUT 911?

911 in shady shenanigans shocker!

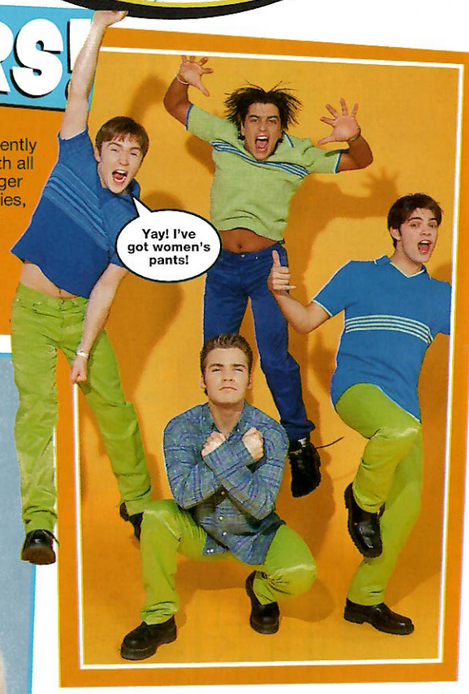
The boys have scoffed at reports in 'the press' that their new tour is gonna be one long round of aftershow snogs and night-time naughtiness. "It's absolute rubbish," Spike assured us. "We laughed when we saw it, but I don't know what our mums will say!" Having seen the boys absolutely knackered after the first night of their tour, the *Hits* can guarantee the only thing they'll be getting up to after the shows is sleeping!

911: "no saucy mucking about for us... honest!"

OH KNICKERS!

Niall's birthday surprise!

When OTT's Niall celebrated his birthday recently his postbag was positively full to the brim with all the usual birthday gifts. But the little Irish singer was surprised when he unwrapped his pressies, and along with the baseball caps and cuddly toys, there was - a pair of red and black *frilly knickers!* Niall wants to thank everyone who remembered his birthday and says he might even wear the knickers on stage one night... just for luck you understand!

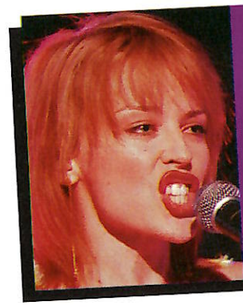


LOUISE KNOCKING KNEES!

Tour frights ahoy!

Louise says she's nervous about her forthcoming tour in November. "Wembley Arena is going to take some filling," the dame jittered. She's also revealed that she'll be performing some Eternal songs and shaking a leg with the six dancers who were whittled down from the thousand that auditioned. Meanwhile, Eternal were rumoured to be having a chin-wag with none other than Puff Daddy. "They want to work with him on their next LP," a source told the *Hits*...

Lou: set to shake a leg in November.



UGLY CORNER

This issue: Kylie

Take That: split up and staying that way!

BACK FOR GIG?

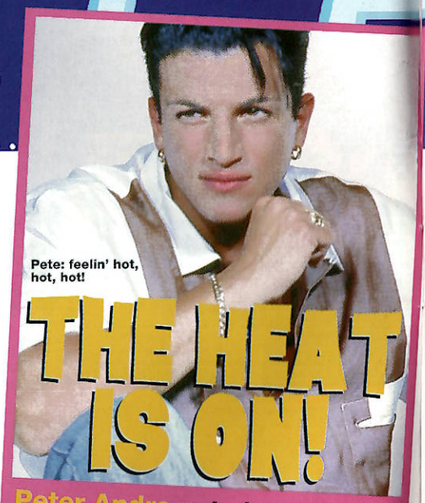
Take That reunion plans dashed

Plans for a Take That reunion have been scuppered. Gary Barlow had hoped to put the full line-up back together for a charity concert in memory of Princess Diana.
However, despite a flurry of press speculation Mark Owen was eventually the one to call it off. "The first I heard about us getting back together was when I read it in the paper," he told us. "The truth is there just isn't time to do it properly. With Take That we rehearsed every show for two months. We're all very busy and the best we could hope for is one week. The show just wouldn't be good enough."

Mansun (l-r): Andy, Stove, Paul and Chad

BUSINESS MAN-SUN!

Guitar mad northerners Mansun's new single is called *Closed For Business* so we asked the band's spokesbloke what biz the lads were in before showbiz.
Paul, vocals and guitar: "He was an art student, then he worked at a graphic design company. He looks after the band's artwork"
Chad, guitar: "He managed a bar in the band's hometown of Chester (home of *Hollyoaks*). Now he's worldwide cocktail expert."
Andy, drums: "He was a second hand car salesman, useful when checking out the car Paul has just bought off his manager."
Stove, bass: "Another graphic designer, but he's always harboured a secret desire to be James Bond!?!"


Pete: feelin' hot, hot, hot!

THE HEAT IS ON!

Peter Andre gets hot 'n' steamy in the desert

Peter Andre loves a suntan, but even the 110 degree heat in the Arizon desert proved to much for the bronzed one.
Pete took his crew and camera team out into the desert to film the vid for his new single *Lonely*. "It was so hot someone had to hold an umbrella over him the whole time," a spokey told us. Don't worry though, Pete hasn't got so starry he can't be bothered to carry his own brolly. 'He was just busy singing and dancing,' it was revealed.

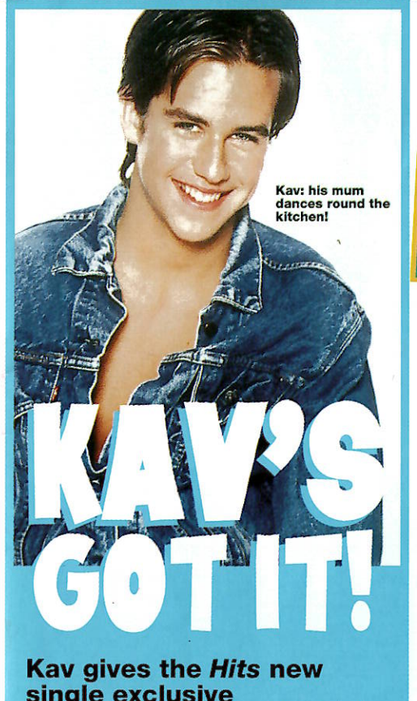
THIS FORTNIGHT WE HAVE BEEN MOSTLY LISTENING TO...

Peter Andre *Lonely*
Big Pete comes over all sensitive in this slow-burnin' new smoocher. Just lovely.

All Saints *Never Ever*
Believe it or not, The Saints' second single *Never Ever* is even better than *I Know Where It's At*! We've had it on repeat play for days!

Natalie Imbruglia *Torn*
She's an ex-Oz soap star turned popster, but her surname's not Minogue! Lush power ballad with tear-jerkin' lyrics.

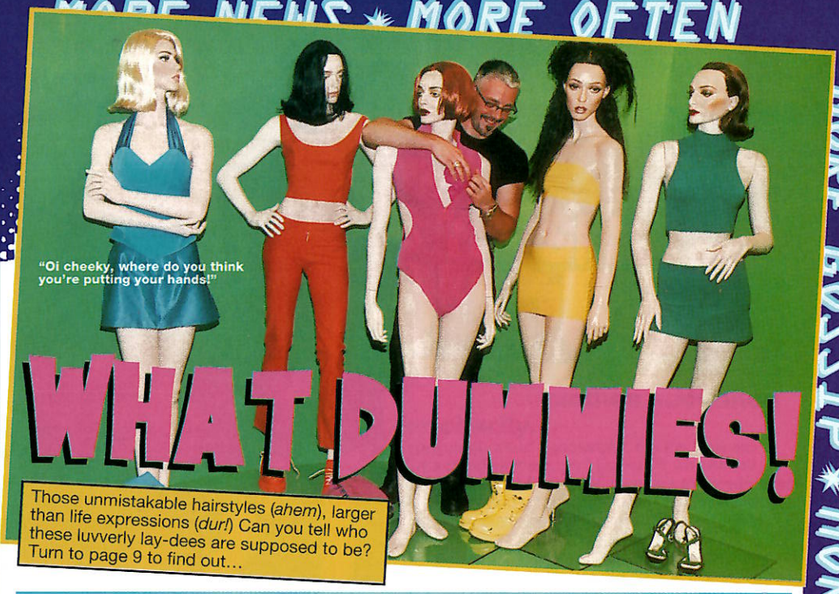
Spice Girls *Spice Up Your Life*
Still glued to our turntable is the bozzlin' new track from the feisty five.


Kav: his mum dances round the kitchen!

KAV'S GOT IT!

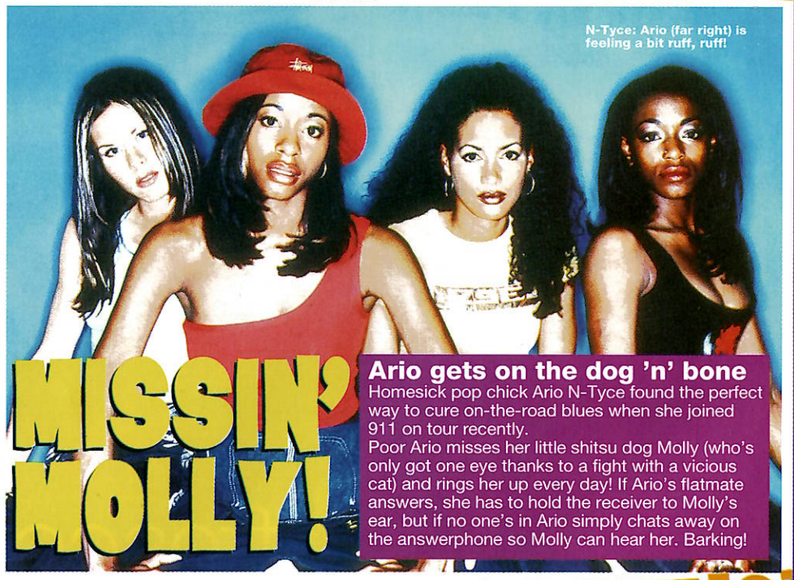
Kav gives the *Hits* new single exclusive

An excited Kavana couldn't wait to get on the blower to his mates at the *Hits* when he got a copy of his brand new single.
"Do you want an exclusive?" he chirped. "I got a finished copy back from America this morning!" The track, *Gotta Have You*, which features Kav rapping, will be featured on his next album.
"Mum was dancing round the kitchen to it," he gushed. "She didn't like the rapping bit though." You'll have to wait until after Chrimbo to hear *Gotta Have You*, but it's worth the wait!


"Oi cheeky, where do you think you're putting your hands!"

WHAT DUMMIES!

Those unmistakable hairstyles (*ahem*), larger than life expressions (*dur!*) Can you tell who these luvverly lay-dees are supposed to be? Turn to page 9 to find out...


N-Tyce: Ario (far right) is feeling a bit ruff, ruff!

MISSIN' MOLLY!

Ario gets on the dog 'n' bone

Homesick pop chick Ario N-Tyce found the perfect way to cure on-the-road blues when she joined 911 on tour recently.
Poor Ario misses her little shitsu dog Molly (who's only got one eye thanks to a fight with a vicious cat) and rings her up every day! If Ario's flatmate answers, she has to hold the receiver to Molly's ear, but if no one's in Ario simply chats away on the answerphone so Molly can hear her. Barking!

ROB OF THE ROVERS

Robbie shows off his silky footy skills...

Hey, d'ya like me new football?
Look, I can levitate it with the power of my eyes!
Oops! I've knacked me eyes! Now I've lost me ball!
Doh! I've lost me shirt as well!

POP PALS GET 'N SYNC!

Sun fun for beach babes!

"Hey *Smash Hits*, wanna see my holiday snaps?" asked Chris from 'N Sync.
"Of course," we cried.
Hang on a sec though, who's that hunky Latin looking fella hangin' with Chris on the beach?
Blimey, it's the gorge Ariel from No Mercy! Apparently, the terrible twosome had a bozzlin' time partying round Miami while Chris crashed at Ariel's new pad for a few days. Tsk! Pop stars eh?!

Chris 'n' Ariel: fun in the sun!

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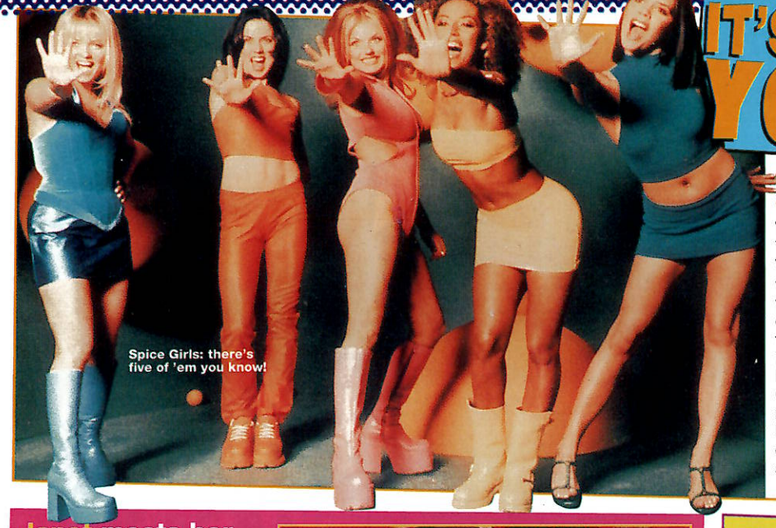


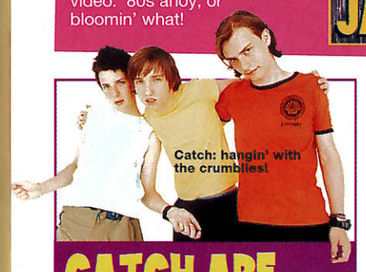
IT'S THE SPICE GIRLS YOU DUMMY!

Spice Girls clothes auctioned for charity.

Yep, you guessed it (*possibly*). It's the Spicies! Worra good likeness, eh? Darned if we can tell which dark haired 'luvverly' is meant to be which or what was going on with Emma's hair? However the don't-look-anything-like-the Spice Girls modelled the outfits worn by the girls when they helped launch Channel 5. The outfit, seen here being worn by the real thing, were bought by The Hard Rock Cafe and fetched a truly amazing £14,250. Cash raised will go to Channel 5's Give Five charity which helps children in care, conservation, the homeless and disabled people.

Janet meets her waxwork double

Janet Jackson has been in London this fort' promoting her new album *Velvet Rope*. Her duties included a swank launch party for the new CD at a posh London niterie and a trip to London's Rock Circus to unveil a waxwork model of herself. Despite having spent ages sitting for the sculptor, the waxwork resembles Jan in her, er, tubbier days. It's also wearing the very outfit she wore for her ancient *Rhythm Nation* video. '80s ahoy, or bloomin' what!



CATCH ARE CATCHING ON!

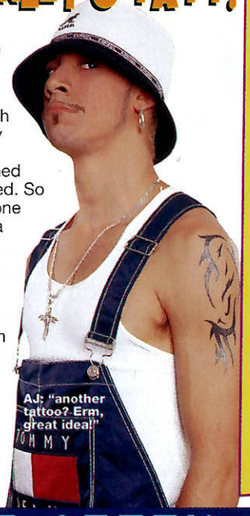
Oldies get with the pop kids!

Indie pop boys, Catch, had a whale of a time recording their album when they made friends with loads of crumbly old rockers. First they had a game of footy with Elton John who happened to be in the studio next door, then ol' Eric Clapton taught them how to skateboard! Wayne was an ultra happy chappie when he bumped into his fave band, The Verve, in the canteen too!

BACKSTREET'S TATT!

AJ wants more 'tatts'

AJ Backstreet wants another tattoo - even though the last once nearly made him faint! "At one stage I turned white," he confessed. So what's he havin' done next? "I might get a one ball from a billiard table with a pool stick behind it and my nickname 'Bone' underneath. Or I'm gonna get an ace and a jack playing card with a crown and my Asian star sign which is a snake." Any offers to hold his hand?



LEE'S CAUGHT SHORT!

North And South fella kicked off train!

Oops, naughty North And South loudmouth Lee Otter was left red faced after being caught on a train without a ticket. What happened? Well it seems the little fella was running a bit late for some top pop star type engagement (oh, OK then, a party) and didn't have time to queue up to buy his ticket. Thinking he'd get away without one the cheeky chappie legged it on to the train only to be caught by an inspector. The poor lad ended up having to nip off the train half-way through his journey to pop and buy a ticket with his credit card.

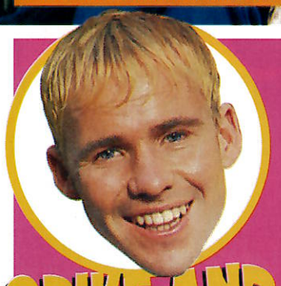
PLANET POP

NEW FRIENDS VIDEO!

All Saints get by... with a little help from their mates!

All Saints were faced with a terrible dilemma when they came to shoot the video for their fab new single *Never Ever*. The poor lasses had to pick a group of gorge lads to appear in the vid, but even though they had their pick of loadsa male models they picked their mates instead! "They reckoned it would be too embarrassing to get steamy with some complete stranger - even if they were completely gorgeous!" said their spokey type person.

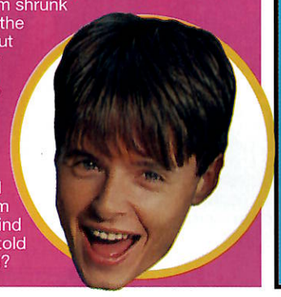
All Saints: "gorge male models - no thanks!"



SPIKE AND LEE LOSE THEIR CLOTHES!

911's clothes disaster!

Spike from 911 is seriously fed up after losing his suitcase. "I'd just spent a fortune on new clothes in America," he moaned. But his problems didn't end there. "I managed to get some stuff home and then me mam shrunk three jumpers in the wash. She just put them back in my bag hoping I wouldn't notice!" Lee on the other hand has got another method of disposing of his togs. "When I get bored of them I leave them behind in the hotel," he told us. Pop stars, eh?

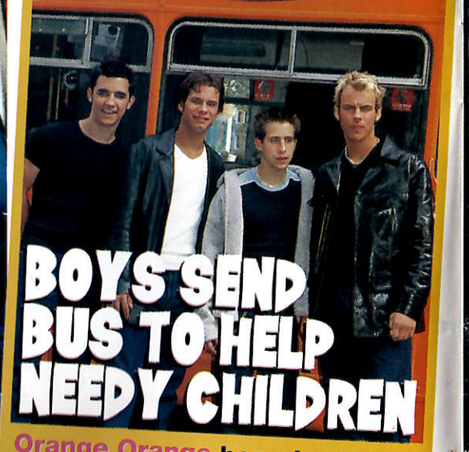


LIAM & NOEL'S JOKE CORNER

Liam: "Oi, Noel What do you call a chicken in a shell suit?"
Noel: "Dunno bro?"
Liam: "An egg!"
Noel: "Ahh, ha ha ha."

orange orange

Orange Orange: doin' it for the kids!



BOYS SEND BUS TO HELP NEEDY CHILDREN

Orange Orange hope to make a Beautiful Day.

Not content with hopping aboard the *Smash Hits* Pop Bus, those big-hearted Orange Orange lads have gone one step further. Chris, Jamie, Giles and Richard (formerly known as Upside Down) have sponsored their very own bus! The bright orange double decker has been fully kitted out with special music and therapy equipment, and is being driven to Bucharest in Hungary to help disadvantaged children. "Some of these children have never been spoken to or played with toys. Hopefully this bus will let them enjoy a little of what we take for granted," said Giles. Awww, good on ya guys.

MAC DADDY!

Puff Daddy: dressed for success.

Puff gets some new threads.

Rap star Puff Daddy looks like he's about to give the Spice Girls a run for their money. While the girls have recently put their names to crisps, cameras and deodorant, Puff has just added another wing to his growing media empire! Puff, who's already the proud owner of a record label, TV company and restaurant, now plans to launch his own clothing line! The clothes label will be 'Sean John' (Puffy's christian names) but there are no clues as to what the clobber will look like yet. Dad revealed: "It'll have a chameleon feel, because that's what I am. You never know what you'll see me in." Hmm.

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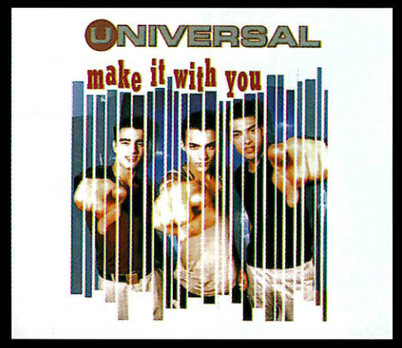
Busta Rhymes
'Put Your Hands Where My Eyes Could See'.
The first single from the forthcoming album 'When Disaster Strikes', this is a great slice of cool, dark, cutting-edge hip-hop.

Supergrass
'Late In The Day'.
From the great album 'In It For The Money', this ballad is every bit as good as 'Sun Hits The Sky' and 'Richard III'.

Universal
'Make It With You'.
The follow-up to the debut single 'Rock Me Good' from the Universal boys, fresh from their stint as special guests on the 911 tour.



David Arnold/Propellerheads
'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'.
This Propellerheads single is from David Arnold's album 'Shaken And Stirred', which features new versions of James Bond classics.

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THEY'RE GONNA BE HUGE!

NATALIE IMBRUGLIA

Who is she? A 22-year-old Aussie soap star turned singer-songwriter.

History: Natalie was first seen in the UK as the beautiful Beth in *Neighbours*. While she was doing press for the show she came to London and started songwriting. After deciding singing was definitely what she wanted to do, she got herself a manager and writing sessions with top songwriters. By August 1996, the material was ready and Natalie landed a record contract.

Why she's gonna be huge: Because she's prepared. "I was actually offered a record contract before *Neighbours*," she explains. "But I knocked it back because I was too young, not ready and it just wouldn't have gone my way. I don't want to be a puppet, so I waited until I was ready to go out and get it for myself."

What she says: "I'm very close to my music and I find it hard to put labels on it. I just think it's very me. I don't think I've come into my own yet, but I'm excited about where I'm going to."

Listen out for: *Torn* the debut single, out on October 20.

B-YOND

B-Yond (l-r): Nataylia, Jaden, Elaine and Steve.

They are: Two boys and two girls, Jaden Williams (20), Steve White (22), Elaine Morris (20) and Nataylia Roni (21), who've played more than 500 gigs together!

History: Jaden and Steve have been pals for years as have Jaden and Natalyia who used to go to under-18s discos together (he used to fancy her - "but I've never told her that!" screams Jaden). The three formed a band with two other people but when they left to pursue acting careers Nat brought in Elaine. *B-Yond* was born.

Why they're gonna be huge: Because they play hard and work even harder. "We're having a really, really good laugh, but we've been doing this for three years so we know the ropes," explains Jaden. "We've also got a really good fan base, considering we haven't had a single out! It's unbelievable, we've got 17,000 people in our fanclub!"

What they say: "No-one is doing what we're doing now, with two girls, two boys. We're doing pure pop!" claims Jaden. "Plus, the girls are stunning."

Listen out for *The Key*, in the shops now.

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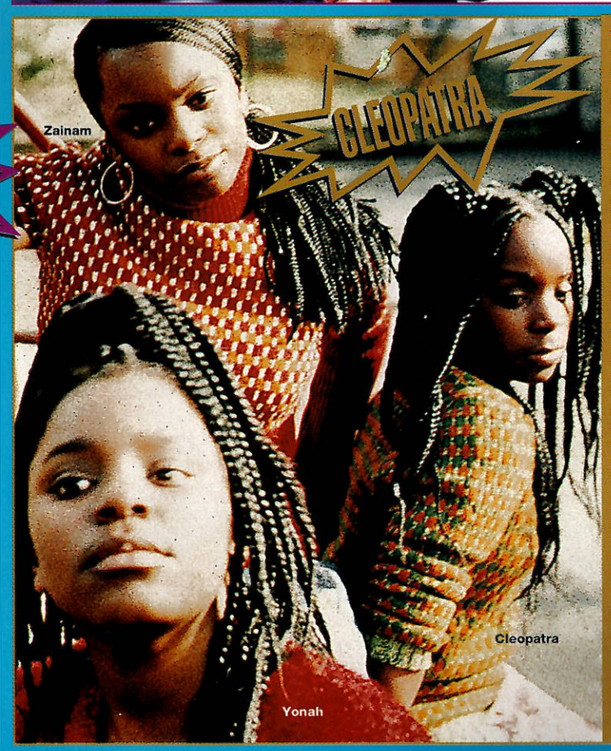

Who are they? Three singing sisters from Moss Side in Manchester. Zainam (16), Yonah (13) and lead singer Cleopatra (15).

History: Way back in 1992 their mum entered the sisters in a local singing competition which they won! The competition was put on by LET Promotions who then became Cleopatra's management. After five years of constant touring, they got a record deal after singing down the phone to Mark Morrison!

Why they're going to be huge: "We're the first young black female group ever in British history," claims Cleopatra, the lead singer and chief songwriter. "The world better watch out. What we say on our posters is 'Cleopatra - coming at ya'. So, we're coming at ya!"

What they say: "Our mum is a singer and helps us write songs. We'll show her and she'll say that's good, but you've made a spelling mistake!" Cleo explains. "We have another little sister, Terry, who'll be in the group soon. She's only nine at the moment, but can't wait to get on stage!"

Listen Out For: *C.L.E.O.P.A.T.R.A.'s Theme (Gonna Blow)*, out on November 3.

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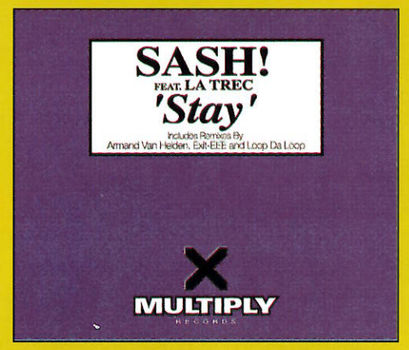

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Tell us about the single then!
Geri: "*Spice Up Your Life* is a real united colours of the world song. It doesn't matter what race you are, whether you're a yellow man in Timbuktu or a Tribal spaceman, whether you're Pakistani or Irish, whatever jig or dance you do, let's do it together..."
Mel C: "You can imagine how much fun it'll be to dance around to!"

And what's the album like?
Emma: "There's influences from all over the world, we picked them up, brought them home and wrote about them..."
Victoria: "There are some absolutely fantastic tracks on it - not that we like to blow our own trumpets! There are a lot of positive messages and a lot of fun. I'm excited about people hearing it..."
Emma: "I'm really proud. We've got some wicked tracks, you'll have to wait. There are a few surprises on the way..."

Geri: "We may be a bit biased, but we worked bloomin' hard on the album and I think we've stepped up a gear. This album is quality."

Has fame changed you?
Emma: "We met Madonna and we were talking about having fun with fame, dancing on stage and things. She said we were totally right. I don't really think about being famous, I'm still the little girl who gets told, 'Your room's a bloomin' mess and you haven't done this'. Anyway, in rehearsals we keep being told how we can't dance and that keeps our feet on the ground!"
Mel C: "We're the same five girls who got together three years ago, who wanted to make music and have a laugh. I can't understand, explain or accept being one of the most famous women in the world - we just get on with the job in hand..."
Geri: "But we have grown-up and we're closer as a unit. I've developed a bigger sense of humour about things, learned to take things easier, not get uptight, chill out..."
Victoria: "Yeah, it's made me want to have fun more. I used to be a lot more serious, now it's me in rehearsals who keeps getting told off for laughing too much. All our attitudes have rubbed off on each other, but I don't think of myself as that famous..."
Mel B: "Me neither. All I do is try hard and do my best. If people notice me for it it's excellent."

Has Girl Power taken over the world?
Mel B: "We've got our Pepsi, our crisps..."
Mel C: "Hopefully we've given a lot of females the strength to stand up for what they believe in. We get letters saying, 'You really inspired me to dump that boyfriend who was no good for me' or 'You inspired me to revise for my exams'. Anyway, it got us where we are today - so it works, dunnit!?"
Mel B: "...Our cameras, our t-shirts..."
Emma: "I think everyone is thinking a lot more about life and how we've got to be more positive about things."
Mel B: "...Our album, our tour..."
Geri: "Something really positive has happened, people saying they've got Girl Power, people getting what we're going on about, normal people in everyday life. We've provided a catch phrase."
Mel B: "...Our deodorant..."
Victoria: "I'd like to think our attitude has spread throughout the world. Have a laugh, life is too short, so have fun and be colourful. Well the others are colourful, I usually wear black. Hopefully the fun element will take over the world."
Mel B: "There's going to be Spice everything, everything you can possibly think of!"

Are you still having a laugh?
Mel C: "We still make each other laugh..."
Emma: "Even in our singing classes we're in fits of giggles, getting wrong notes. We're always laughing..."
Geri: "I'm the person who everyone laughs at. Yesterday Victoria wrote 'Girl Power' on my arm with a marker pen, then she wrote 'Dickhead' on my other arm. She didn't realise it was permanent and now it won't come off."

Ooh dear, erm, how's your love lives?
Mel C: "I'm in love with my job - that's about it. No men on the scene I'm afraid. I'm far too busy!"
Emma: "I haven't had a man for a long time... this is the time of my life to be young, free and single!"
Mel B: "I'm not young, free and single at the moment! I wouldn't say I'm in love, just happy!"
Geri: "I'm in love with the world and in love with my pals. But I'm not in love with a boy..."

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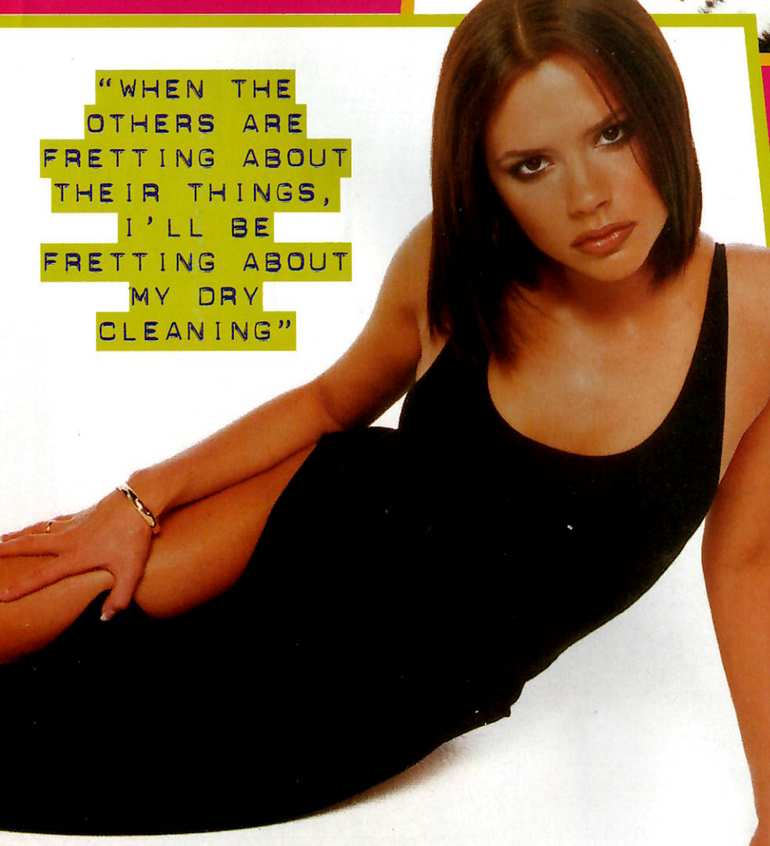
"I DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT BEING FAMOUS. I'M STILL THE LITTLE GIRL WHO GETS TOLD, 'YOUR ROOM'S A BLOOMIN' MESS!'"

Victoria: "I am. I'm very lucky. I've got someone who treats me really well, is really considerate and really down to earth as well. I'm the first to admit I've said I never wanted to go out with a famous person but that's what David (*Beckham - v. famous footy player*) is. He isn't going out with me because I'm 'Posh Spice'. Half the time I see him I look anything other than posh! We're on the phone a lot and when we do see each other it's quality time. If a relationship is meant to work it can work however difficult it is. Anyway I can just pick up the papers or turn on satellite TV to see him!"

Ah, bless. So, are you still all bezzy pals?
Victoria: "We accept each other now more for our differences, unlike right at the beginning. When the others are fretting about their things I'll be fretting about my dry cleaning!"
Geri: "We do really stupid things together. The other day we had to get up really early and we were standing in front of the mirror having a competition to see who could pull the ugliest face. We sometimes sit down together and have heart-to-heart talks about life…"
Victoria: "…They have to respect that my dry cleaning is a very important factor for me, like 'Have they shrunk my Gucci shirt?' That would be a bit of a tragedy."
Emma: "It's now got to the point where we're like sisters, we know we love each other…"
Mel C: "And me and Mel B haven't had a fight for weeks. We're probably too tired!"

Time to spill the beans, what's the best bit in the movie?
Mel C: "I don't want to give too much away but there's loads of funny stuff in the film. My fave bit is where we dress up as each other…"
Emma: "What about that scene with Michael Barrymore where he gives us a dance lesson? We also did an army assault course,



clambering over walls and up ropes. At the end we had to do this rope-swing over this pool of water onto a mat…"
Mel B: "We all ended up in the water!"
Geri: "My fave bit is the bit I don't want to give away. The movie is brill and the thing about it is that whether you're a fan of ours or not you'll find a lot of comedy in there. It made us laugh."
Mel C: "Hollywood should look out for Victoria."
Victoria: "Hmm. For me one of the best bits will be the premiere in London."

Enough movie madness, are you looking forward to the live show in Istanbul?
Emma: "That's the one thing we've all been looking forward to. We want to prove to everyone we can do it. We're going to work really hard and do our best for the fans. This is a time when we can give back all the support and all the things they've given us, give them an exciting, big live show, like they're coming to a big party…"
Mel B: "Yeah, it's going to be completely brill, getting up there and shaking your arse about. I went to dancing classes when I was younger and this is what it was all for."
Geri: "I'm not the world's best dancer, but I've been working really hard..."
Mel C: "It's one of those things that although you're nervous you want to do it so much that you have to overcome your fear."
Victoria: "I can't wait. It's what everyone enjoys, getting up there, really going for it and singing, seeing the reaction of the crowd…"
Geri: "It'll be Spice-tacular!"

So, new single, new album, is it time for new nicknames?
Mel C: "I should be 'Lazy Spice' really."
Emma: "I'll be 'Gets-Away-With-Murder Spice'."
Geri: "I'd be 'Change-My-Hair-Any-Colour-I-Want Spice'."
Victoria: "'Posh-Half-The-Time Spice'".
Mel B: "Maybe I should be 'Abrupt Spice' or 'Pain-In-The-Arse Spice'! Sorry."

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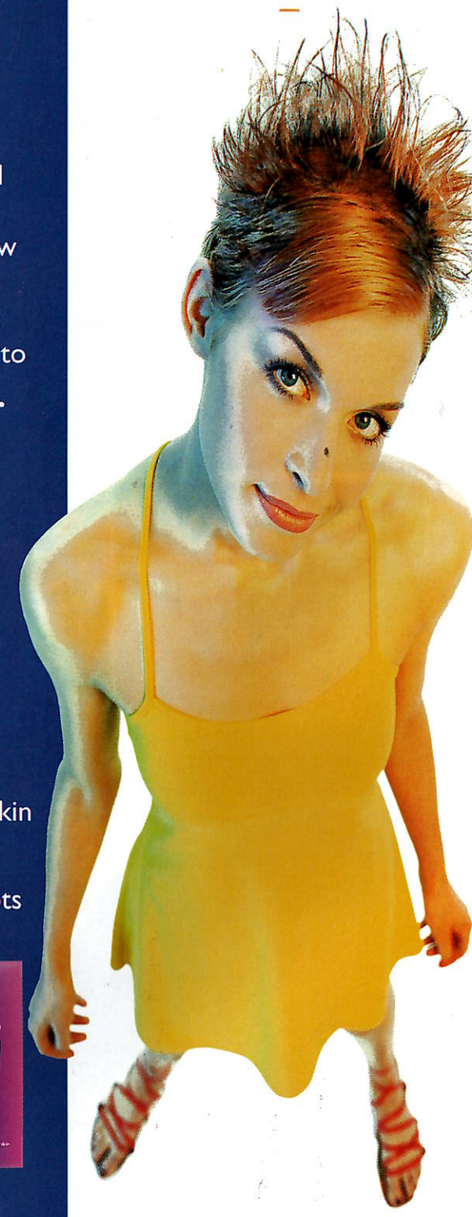

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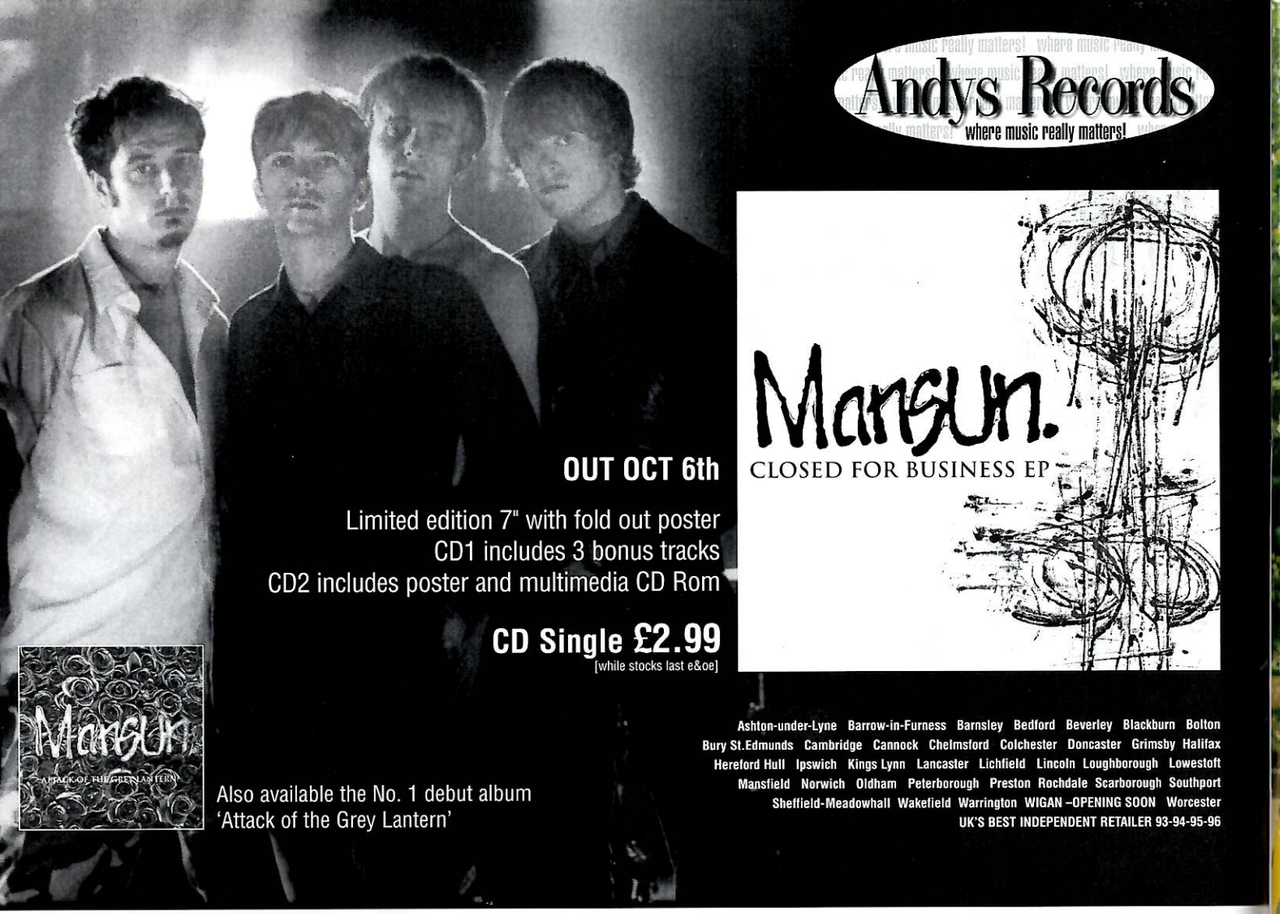

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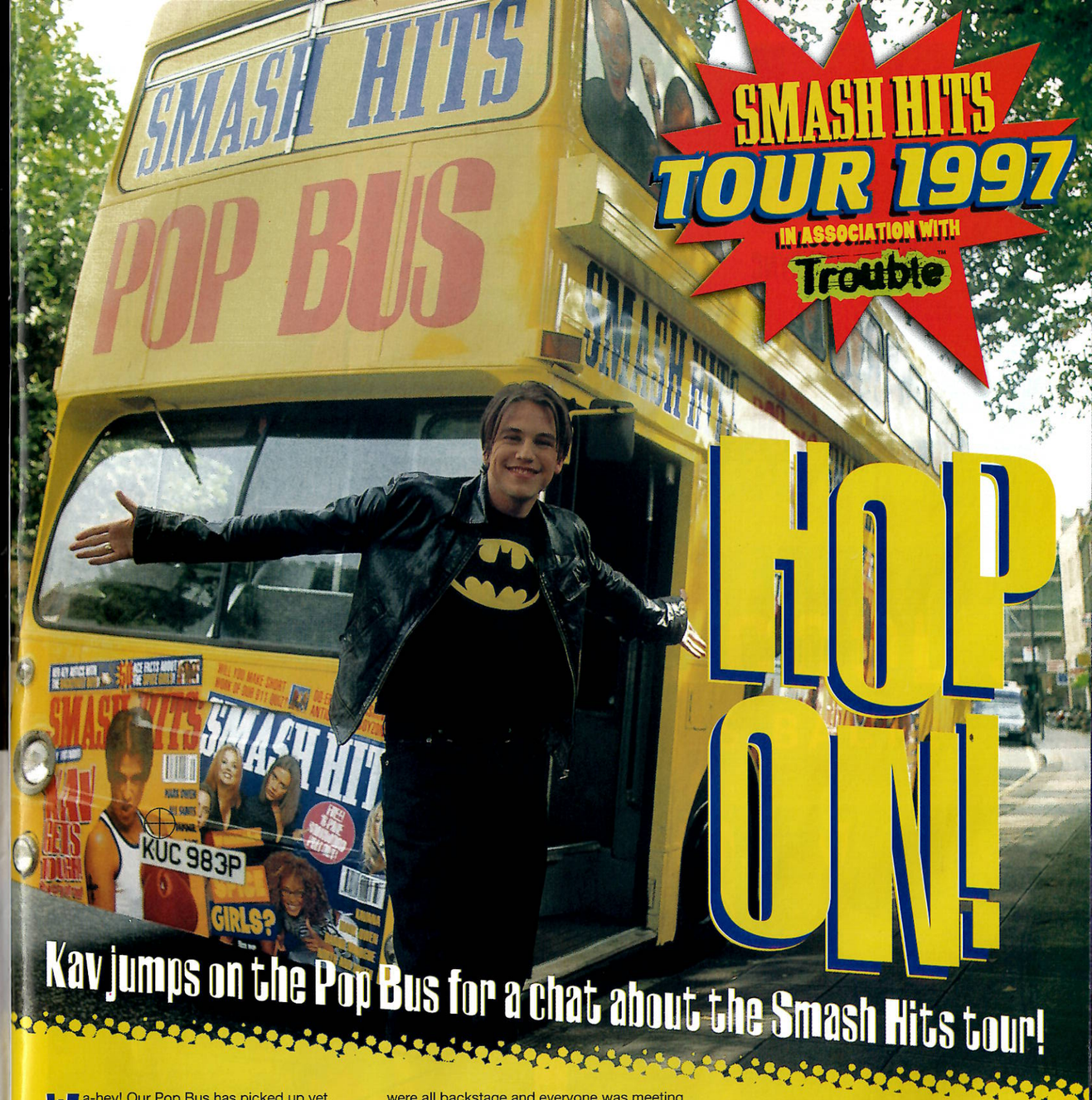

HOP ON!

Kav jumps on the Pop Bus for a chat about the Smash Hits tour!

WORDS JOHN HINDMARCH PHOTOS TOM HOWARD

Wa-hey! Our Pop Bus has picked up yet another passenger bound for the *Smash Hits* Tour. This time it's our bezzy mate Kav, and he's *well* excited to be on board! The *Smash Hits* Tour is brought to you in association with top TV channel Trouble and if we can just drag Kav away from the steering wheel for long enough he'll tell us all about it…

So Kav, whaddya think of our bus then?
"Amazing, I think it's just brilliant. When I first heard about the bus, I just thought it was perfect. It's about time someone did a big pop thing. The *Smash Hits* tours are great anyway, 'cos it's about everybody together. It's like the pop world is coming together to put on a really big show for everyone to come to!"

So you've got good memories of the tour?
"Oh yeah! Last year we had some good times! The best? Probably the first day last year. We were all backstage and everyone was meeting each other. I can just remember getting my head round the whole thing and feeling really excited."

Are you planning to play any pranks on anyone?
"Of course! I'm thinking of a few good ones, but I can't tell you what they're gonna be! I'm gonna get those Catch boys and 911 (*pick on someone your own size!*) I think we'll have to have an initiation ceremony for everyone - they'll have to fight me! I can wear boxing gloves, they can't!"

Surely you'll be tucked up in bed with a cup of cocoa…
"Some nights, yeah, but some nights we'll be allowed to party. We'll probably get an early night on the first night, and then it'll wear off and it'll be party time. Will I be responsible? Yeah… No… Yeah… err, no! I'm a man of excess, I'll go out for three days and not come back, or I won't go out at all."

What's the atmosphere at the concerts like?
"You can't describe it in words, it's really weird, everybody's feeling the same nervous excitement and it's just a brilliant vibe. For the crowd it's great, obviously, 'cos there's so many great acts on the bill. It's like going to see loads of concerts all in one."

Why is this year gonna be the best ever?
"Well, for me, I'm more well known now and that's good, but generally, I think the acts are brilliant. I mean, last year was good, but this year's gonna be top! It's all pop again, proper pop, and that's what it's all about. And we've got the bus!"

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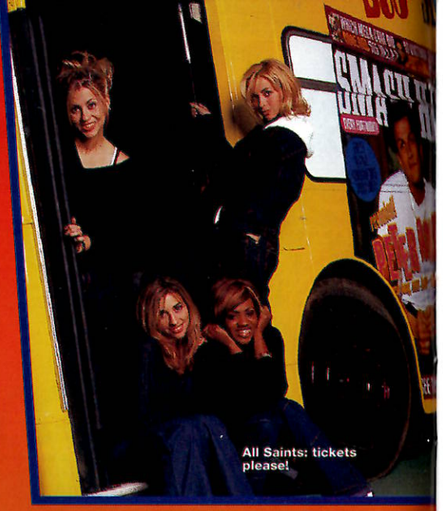
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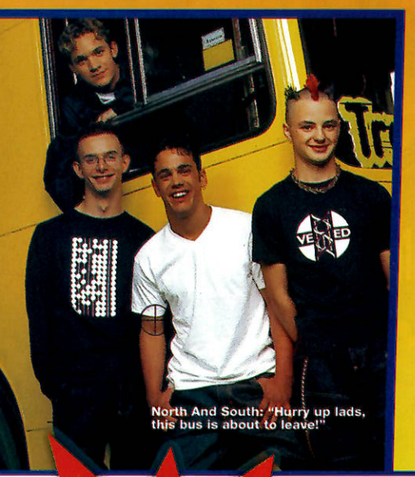
North And South: "Hurry up lads, this bus is about to leave!"

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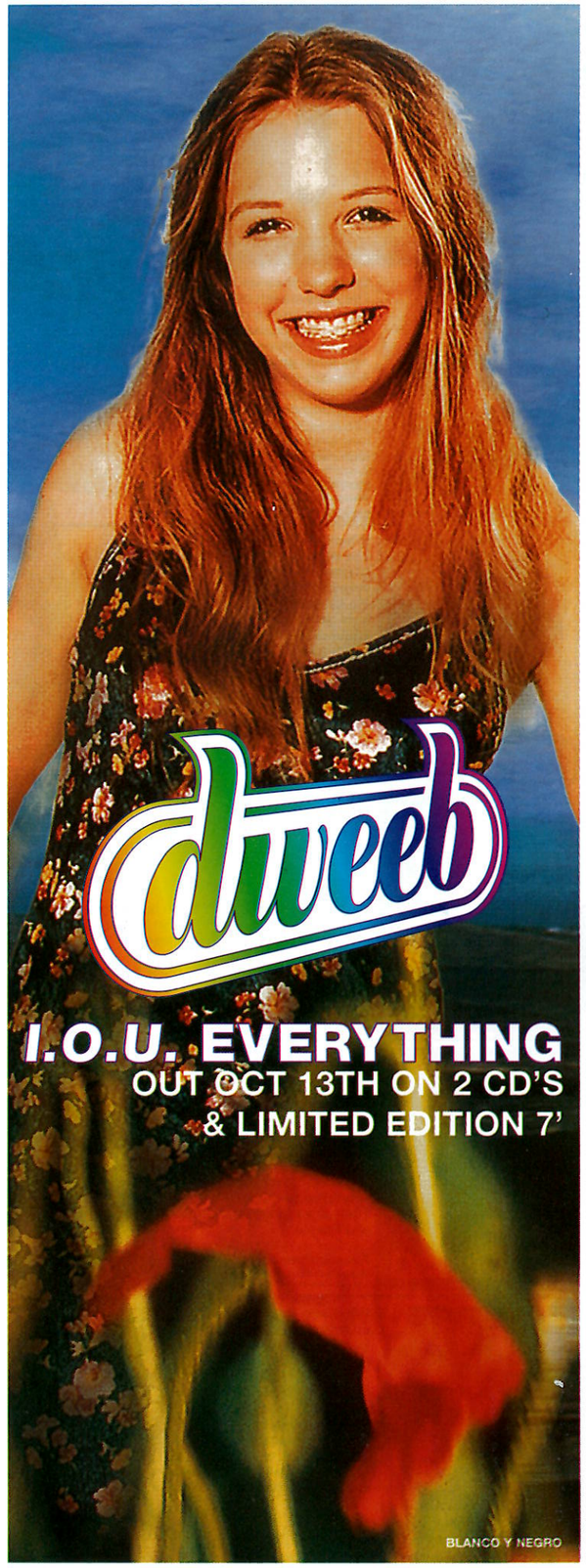

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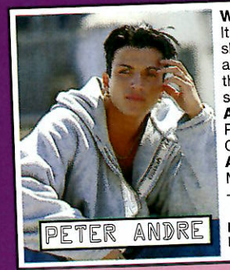

What's he up to?
It's busy-busy for Petey this fortnight with lots of TV shows to promote his fab new single *Lonely*. It sounds as though the little fella will be anything but lonely thanks to lots of early morning TV appearances and a slot on the *National Lottery Live* on October 8.
Any juicy gossip?
Pete's cantering to Delhi betwixt the 16th and 19th of October to attend a prestigious music awards show.
Anything coming up?
Maybe the chance to spot the Pec-maestro in the flesh - he'll be in London from October 20th.

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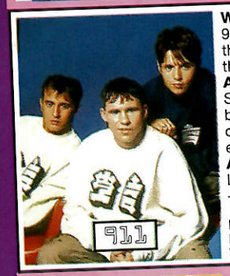
What's he up to?
Mark's hard at it in a London studio at the moment, working on his second album (not counting the mini-LP *Only God Can Judge Me*) which'll be out sometime next year.
Any juicy gossip?
Mark thunders: "I'm single still, but I think the best thing is to get into a relationship. I'm hoping to get into one so all these silly allegations about me and these so-called laydeez will stop." Brrr!
Anything coming up?
The Mack being an unpredictable character, nothing's penned into his schedule just yet. So you'd just better watch this space for further 'developments'!



What are they up to?
911 are touring the length and breadth of the land at the mo, as well as doing various UK promo thangs for the fabbo *Party People* choon.
Any juicy gossip?
Spike has specifically asked for his main tour food to be baked beans (bleurgh!). "He likes a hearty bowl o' beans before going on stage - it gives him energy," explained his spokey, from the kitchen.
Anything coming up?
Loads of trips to the health farm and the gym for Jim - we hear he's become a complete fitness fanatic.

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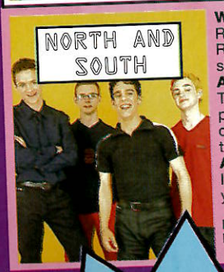

What are they up to?
Rehearsals for the forthcoming tour (which kicks off in Ryhl on November 7th) are in full swing and the new single *Breathing* will be in the shops on October 20th.
Any juicy gossip?
The chaps recently performed at the Pink Weekend party in London's Soho. They were spotted clambering off a nearby tube train and carrying their instruments themselves!
Anything coming up?
It's Sam's birthday on October 29th - make a note in your diaries and send him a card.

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What are they up to?
October 13th sees the sassy dames presenting *The Big Breakfast*, which should be a hoot. Then they're swanking off to perform at bashes in Holland and later in Japan, where they're already hee-uuu-ge!
Any juicy gossip?
It's been a hob-nobbing hurricane of late - the gals have been 'hanging out' with Boys II Men, and even the Fugees have been desperately trying to meet the saintly ones. Lawks!
Anything coming up?
Let's hope Nikki doesn't have a wibble on a plane - she's terrified of flying, apparently, which is bad news if you're a globe-trotting popstrel! Oh yeah, and just wait 'til you hear their next single, *Never Ever* - it's fab!

What are they up to?
The Zone are out of the spotlight for a while as they're engrossed in tour rehearsals for the forthcoming UK gaddabout, but don't fret 'cos you can read our exclusive interview with Ro on page 60.
Any juicy gossip?
A mystery trip to France may be on the 'cards' but it's still to be confirmed. S'all a bit intriguing, innit?
Anything coming up?
The Boyz will be putting the finishing touches to their new single, which you can expect to tickle your lugholes next month. Yippee.

Fanclub: PO Box 102, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 2PY
Phoneline: 0891 818 103

What are they up to?
The worn-out lads are still resting easy following news of Coree's illness and the postponed tour.
Any juicy gossip?
It's now been revealed young Coree has got a severe case of 'nodules' (ie, yukky lump things in his throat) and needs to rest his voice for a while. He's having lots of hot toddys and throat lozenges to sort it out. Bless!
Anything coming up?
Hopefully a return to fighting fitness and N-R-G for all the band. And probably a deluge of Get Well Soon cards (go on, get sending 'em!) for ol' husky throat!

Fanclub: Damage c/o Trinity House, 3 Alveston Place, Leamington Spa, VB32 4SN

What is he up to?
Bob is rockin' 'n' rolllin' across the land on tour. He'll be taking in everywhere from Liverpool to Dublin this fortnight. On October 8th you can hear him perform a couple of acoustic numbers on the Radio One *Breakfast Show*.
Any juicy gossip?
His album *Life Thru A Lens* has had mega-rave reviews from press and punters alike. So all that hard work has paid off after all. Well done Robster!
Anything coming up?
He'll no doubt be needing a quick breather after all that galavanting and warbling.

Fanclub: PO Box 470, Newcastle ST5 1BP

What are they up to?
The Spicers are rehearsing for a massive gig in Istanbul (their first ever full-on live affair) on October 12th. On October 13th their hot new single *Spice Up Your Life* is unleashed and will doubtless sell by the lorry load!
Any juicy gossip?
The other Spicies have revealed that Geri doesn't know the meaning of the word 'ginger'(?) Emma offered to buy her a dictionary!
Anything coming up?
There are various trips pencilled in to Japan, Sweden and France.

Fanclub: Freepost, PO Box 859, London SW11 4BR
Website: http://channel3.vmg.co.uk/spicegirls

What are they up to?
Enjoying the sure to be mega chart success of their latest single, *Angel Of Mine*, no doubt.
Any juicy gossip?
The girls will be gallivanting all over England and Europe to promote the new album. Swank jetsetters or what?
Anything coming up?
They'll be releasing their greatest hits album on October 20th, which includes all 13 - yup, count 'em - hit singles, and a couple more besides. Look out for it in a record 'emporium' near you!

Fanclub: PO Box 460, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP12 4BR

What's he up to?
Jacko is a squirgillion miles away at present, in South Africa. "He's playing a few more dates there, and going down a treat," parped a spokey.
Any juicy gossip?
Panic erupted in the Jackson camp recently - Mike couldn't find his lucky dancing shoes, you see. Thankfully they turned up - under his baby's pram!
Anything coming up?
There'll definitely be a new single out before Chrimbo, though it won't be *Scary*, as originally thought.

Fanclub: PO Box 7998, Bournemouth BH1 4XL
Phoneline: 0891 299 822
Website: http://wwwmjni.com

What are they up to?
Even though they've finished the UK tour, d'boys get to live out of a suitcase even longer! They're heading off to the ol' U S of A to play a couple of dates and do lots of promo type stuff on radio and TV .
Any juicy gossip?
Life on tour hasn't been too different from life at home for the Oasis boys. They were spotted out and about in Newcastle, shopping and pubbing, and generally just enjoying life.
Anything coming up?
Probably a good ol' sit down with a nice cup of tea after all that touring!

Website: http://www.cts.com/browse/ginger

What's he up to?
Between October 8th and 10th Crazy Kav's squashing in some work on his new album.
Any juicy gossip?
Kav's concerned about the cold weather in Poland, where he's going on October 11th for a couple of days. Luckily the *Hits* came to the rescue, with the loan of a 'nice' jumper, knitted by Gav The Editor.
Anything coming up?
He may be performing in Birmingham on the October 18th, but details are still to be finalised.

Fanclub: Fanclub Services, PO Box 20, Manchester M60 3ED
Website: http://channel 3.vvmg.co.uk/kavana

What's she up to?
She's just released her brand new album *Woman In Me* and is sitting back and watching it set the charts alight.
Any juicy gossip?
Louise: The Book! On October 16 *Louise: My Story* will be published. It contains loads of luvverly pics of Lou throughout her career as well as many a revealing interview with her close family and friends. Coo!
Anything coming up?
Li'l Lou can't come out to play 'cos she's locked away in a rehearsal room getting ready for the big *No Sweat Soft And Gentle Tour*.

Fanclub: PO Box 888, High Wycombe, Bucks Hp11 2NY
Website: http://www.btinternet.com/@skinnerland

What are they up to?
The lads are still locked up in the studio making 'that' album, but after being bombarded with requests from Bandwatch fans the *Hits* got on the case and coaxed Taj out for a chat with Nelson.
Any juicy gossip?
See for yourself. The lads have changed loads since we last saw 'em. Check 'em out on page 28!
Anything coming up?
An album perhaps! Or will they be unable to tear themselves away from their Playstations? We'll keep you informed, as always!

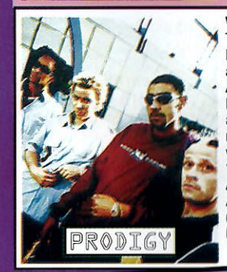
Fanclub: PO Box 11234, Elkins Park, PA 19027 - 1234, USA
Website: http:/www.sony.com

What are they up to?
Hanson are planning a brief jaunt to the UK at some point in mid-October - for assorted bits and pop-starry bobs, work-wise.
Any juicy gossip?
The zestful trio are all a quiver with excitement at the prospect of appearing at the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners par-teeee. Their eardrums are a little nervous though - 'cos of all the screaming which will inevitably ensue when they appear!!!
Anything coming up?
Brace yourselves for a new single out on December 1st. "It'll either be *Weird* or *I Will Come To You*," reckoned their spokey. Well, we reckon either/or will be ginaggerously bozzlin'!

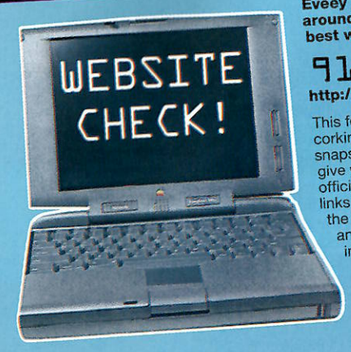
What are they up to?
OTT are as happy as 'larks' at the mo. They've been warbling in the studio and cutting a couple of new tracks. They should be doing some Irish TV appearances and possibly several PAs in Blighty.
Any juicy gossip?
Niall's received some rather pervsome cufflinks at his birthday party t'other week. "Ooh no, I can't tell you what they looked like, it's far too saucy!" blushed their spokey. Golly!
Anything coming up?
A quick swank to Singapore before the boys hop aboard the *Smash Hits* Pop Bus and join our tour. There should be a new single out in November too. Yippee!

What are they up to?
According to their spokey the B-Boys are holed up in the States recording some new songs and B-sides. They'll be rushing off to Holland mid-October to play at the Pepsi Pop do, and then hurtling back to LA for some press work.
Any juicy gossip?
The guys have been so busy they haven't even had a chance to muck about on the mopeds they were given recently. They're still in storage, gathering dust!
Anything coming up?
The end of the fortnight sees the band bobbing up at the *Kids' Choice Awards* in the US.

Fanclub: PO Box 20, Manchester, M60 3ED



What are they up to?
The Prodgers are gigging all over the 'shop' at present. It's Paris on October 12th, Brussels on October 18th and Finland on the 24th. Don't they ever rest?
Any juicy gossip?
Perfectionsists that they are, there's been all sorts of artistic tizzies and tantrums over the artwork for the next single. The *Hits* advise a colourful potato print with a paper doylee collage, and then...(waffles on 'creatively' for two hours)
Anything coming up?
Art problems aside the new single, *Smack My Bitch Up* (mmm, charming!) should be stomping out in November.



Eveey issue, *Smash Hits* strolls around the net to sniff out the very best websites around...

911 SITE

http://www.hg4.com/911

This fortnight we've dug out a real corking site for all you 911 fans. Smiling snapshots of Lee, Jimmy and Spike give you an animated welcome to the official 911 website. From there you get links to *From The Top* which tells you the full 911 story from the, erm, top and *The Journey* which gives you the inside track on the best-selling album. Best of all though, is *Heart2Heart* which gives you a chance to leave a personal message for the boys...

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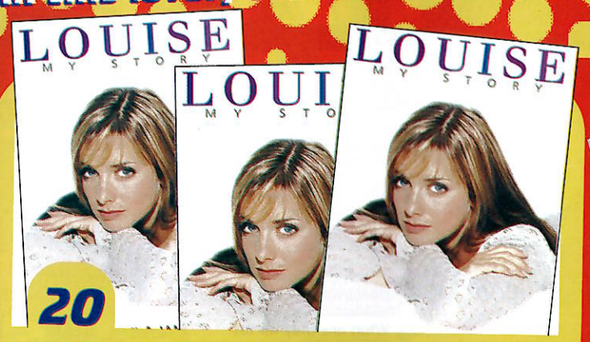

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Louise: My Story Books

This fab new book gives you an insight to Louise as you've never seen her before. With exclusive pictures from Louise's own photo album this is definitely a competition you'll want to win! Call: **0891 411 391** or write your name and address on a postcard and send it to **Louise/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB**

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Limited Edition Clock CDs, Vinyl & Signed Pictures

Clock are back and *U Sexy Thing* is their new single, of which we have 10 limited edition CDs (one of which is a CD Rom!), vinyl and signed picture for your bedroom wall. Call: **0891 411 394** or write your name and address on a postcard and send it to **Clock/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB**

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Catch Rucksacks, Signed Singles & Loads of Choccie Bars!

To celebrate Catch's new single *Bingo* we have five specially designed rucksacks, signed singles and yummy Catch and *Bingo* choccy bars! Five runners up will receive the signed single and chocs! Call: **0891 411 396** or write your name and address on a postcard and send it to **Catch/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB**

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Copies Of New Boyzone Video

Here's your chance to win a copy of Boyzone's fantastic new long-play video, *Something Else*. We've got 15 copies up for grabs so call: **0891 411 393** or write your name and address on a postcard and send it to **Boyzone/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB**

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Hanson Books

We have 20 copies of Hanson's brand new official book. It's completely filled with loads of info from the lads' childhood right up to when they signed their record deal. Call: **0891 411 392** or write your name and address on a postcard and send it to **Hanson/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB**

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WORDS **KIRSTIN WATSON** PHOTOS **DAVID TONGE**

TOUGH COOKIE

1. Who is the last person you saw naked?
The last person? Urgh!!! I was backstage at the Popcorn Explosion, a German TV show, and there was a bunch of girl dancers there. One of them was wearing was a little G-string. So of course I stopped and stared! Other than that I haven't seen anyone.

2. Who was the last person to tell you off?
Probably our manager. It was one of our managers when I got my tattoo and they were all angry with me. I just thought 'So what I've still got it, and I'm going to get another one'. They were afraid it was gonna kinda affect our image, but we're not about an image we're about good music, so what I do to my body is what I do to my body. It's forever so I have to be prepared - it's not coming off now! I got one and Brian got one too.

3. Have you ever fancied anyone of your own sex?
Hell no! Hell no, nooo way! Nope, no-ho! Like, obviously I've never fancied one, but little baby boys are so cute, they're always little, fat, chubbular guys. Then when they get to my age I don't know what the hell happens to us, we all become kooky!

4. Can you answer this question without saying yes or no?
Can I answer this question without saying yes or no? What question? (*Confused*). Without saying yes or no? (*Finally getting it*). Uh-huh.

5. Where do you go in your dreams?
La-La Land. What happens there? Anything I want. Anything can happen there.

6. What's the most exotic thing you can cook?
It's a pasta dish. It's like lasagne with beans and herbs and spices and potatoes. It's a really cool Italian dish all mixed into one. My best friend's mother taught me how to make it. She makes her's too damn salty though, I let people put their own salt on.

7. What was the last thing that made you angry?
(*Thinks for ages*) I dunno? I don't get angry that often. I blow things off. Like if something really bothers me I just ignore it, I'm like 'Oh to hell with it,' I don't really care. I try not to let anything bother me. In this industry if I did I'd go nuts - well I am already nuts!

8. Were you bullied at school?
Nah. Everyone was afraid of me 'cos I was such a freak. No-one would come near me, they were like 'What the hell's wrong with him, he's so weird?' I didn't fit in, I was in a class of my own! But no-one ever bothered me. How didn't I fit in? I was just very different, I was an entertainer. High school in the States is all about basketball, football, girls, guys, fights, gangs, this and that. If you're a singer or a dancer then you're considered a freak. But just look at me now.

"You're not a really good liar if you get caught! But I was doing really good for about ten years."

9. Why do men have nipples?
For girls to kiss!

10. If you were a footballer how much would you be worth?
I would be worth as much money... hang on... I'd be worth how well I played. If I played really good I'd be worth a lot of money, if I was bad I'd be worth five pounds.

11. What would you call your children?
Christian and, erm, I like the name Devante like Devante Swing from Jodeci. I like Devante for a boy and Christian for a boy or a girl.

12. Would you be a fan of yourself if you weren't you?
Yeah, I think so. Our music covers lots of terrains. We're not specifically one type of music. If I was a person who just liked Rock 'n' Roll then no, but I'm one of those people who likes to listen to everything. So yeah, definitely, I'd listen to our stuff.

13. Have you ever lied to get what you want?
Hmmmm, and it works. It always works. I'm really good at lying. I stopped about a year ago though 'cos I was getting a little carried away. Things started getting back around to me and you're not a really good liar if you get caught! But I was doing really good for about ten years.

14. Why do you bother?
Why do I bother? Because I have to. I just have to. Why do I bother doing anything? Because I have to.

15. How many times have you been in love?
Kinda sorta once. I wasn't sure at the time and by the time I thought I was sure she broke up with me, so I guess I'll never know now. This was about a year and-a-half, two years ago.

16. What was the last thing you did before this interview?
I had to do a photoshoot! In fact I did the pictures for this feature. (*Puts on dodgy English accent*) I took a pitch-ah!

JAMMY DODGER

17. Do you carry condoms around with you?
Yes I do. I think you're better to be safe then sorry. I'll sometimes carry them for an entire tour then I'll get home and throw them away. Unfortunately, I don't always get to use them!

18. Can you make me laugh in five words?
(*Thinks and then pulls ridiculous face*) Hi... There you go, one word! I can make anybody laugh. I don't care how bummed out they are I can make anyone happy. It's my hidden talent.

19. Have you ever stolen anything?
Yep, my mom's jewellery. Before I had my ear pierced I stole some of her earrings and clipped them on my ears. I don't need to do that any more 'cos I've got my own.

20. Why do famous people pretend not to have boyfriends and girlfriends when in reality they do?
Because they're afraid of how the public's gonna react. They're afraid they're gonna lose their fans, but I don't think it's true. I think fans should like you for who you are and fans have to realise if you have a girlfriend that's your personal life. You're only human - the fans have boyfriends so of course you're gonna have girlfriends. I think it makes girls want you more too 'cos they think 'Well if he has a girlfriend, I want to be his girlfriend'. They look at it as a challenge. Do we have girlfriends? We all date, I mean shoot! When we have time we all date. I'm not seeing anybody right now, I'm walking round single with my head between my legs (*Eh?*).

THE RULES

In the biscuit tin, there are 100 envelopes. Each contains a horribly difficult question. You must open 20 envelopes at random and answer the questions inside. Amongst your 20 you must choose...

TOUGH COOKIE - One **Tough Cookie** - the personal questions only asked by *Smash Hits*.

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SMASH HITS EXCLUSIVE!

A CHAT WITH 3T

3T: Taj, Taryll and TJ snapped at the recent Lady Of Soul Awards in the States.

Grrr, Nelson 'ere. Been wondering what's happened to Planet Pop's funkiest fellas? Me too. That's why I decided to get on the blower to Taj from 3T to find out what the long-locked young scamps have been up to.

I know you've been working on a new album but why is it taking so long?
"It's taking a long time because the second album is so important for us. We know people are expecting a lot and we want to deliver the best record possible. It's our chance to show how we've grown over the past two years. We could have rushed it out, but it wouldn't have been our best. *Brotherhood* was really successful so we needed to make an album as strong if not better than that. Now we feel this album is better than *Brotherhood*."

You've been locked up together for a long time in the studio, have you been snapping at each other's heels?
"No, not at all. It's been easier 'cos we've been hanging out and spending quality time with our friends. We made sure we had a lot of fun this summer. Plus, TJ and Taryll know better than to mess with me so we usually get on just fine! Not to mention that I can still kick both their butts in video games!"

Anything gone wrong?
"Fortunately, so far so good. We haven't had any catastrophes yet, but we'll keep you posted as we finish recording and begin to mix the record."

You must have had some time off - been for a scamper in the park have you?
"Yes! We've been playing a lot of baseball and we've caught up on all the movies we missed while we were touring. We've also celebrated our birthdays with our family and friends at Neverland and we always keep busy playing sports. It's nice being at home and being active."

So, any of you had a sniff at romance then?
"Well, we are guys and we're always on the lookout for female mates! There nothing too serious yet, but I'm sure you'll be the first to know if that changes Nels."

When will we get to hear the album then?
"You can expect to hear from us musically real soon. We've made a contribution called *Endless Christmas* to the Sony Christmas charity compilation so look out for that and our new single will be out right before Christmas. The album's nearly finished and sounding great! You can expect to hear that in the New Year."

So are you missing us then?
"Yeah, we can't wait to get back to England to see all our fans there. It's like our other home."

When will that be?
"Well, we'd love to come back before the end of the year, but we're not sure if that will happen. We'll be sure to call you and let you know so we can try and see some of you then. In the meantime you can reach us via the internet." *(At http://www.blackorwhite.com/ttt)*

Have you got a special message for *Smash Hits* readers?
"We're very excited about the new album and can't wait to see all of you again. And we'd just like to say thank you so much for supporting 3T."

WORDS **NELSON**

Other games talk about their characters,
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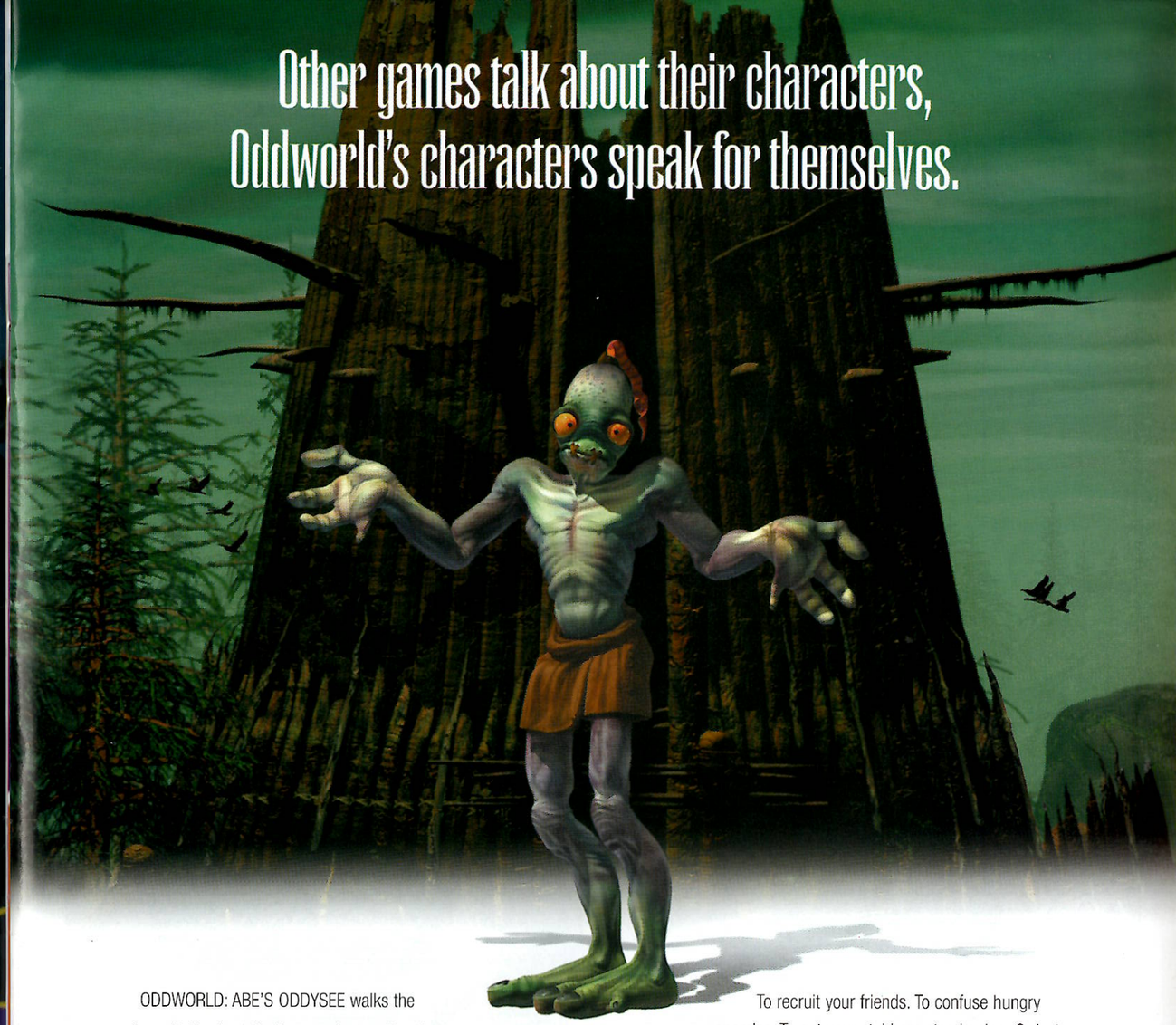

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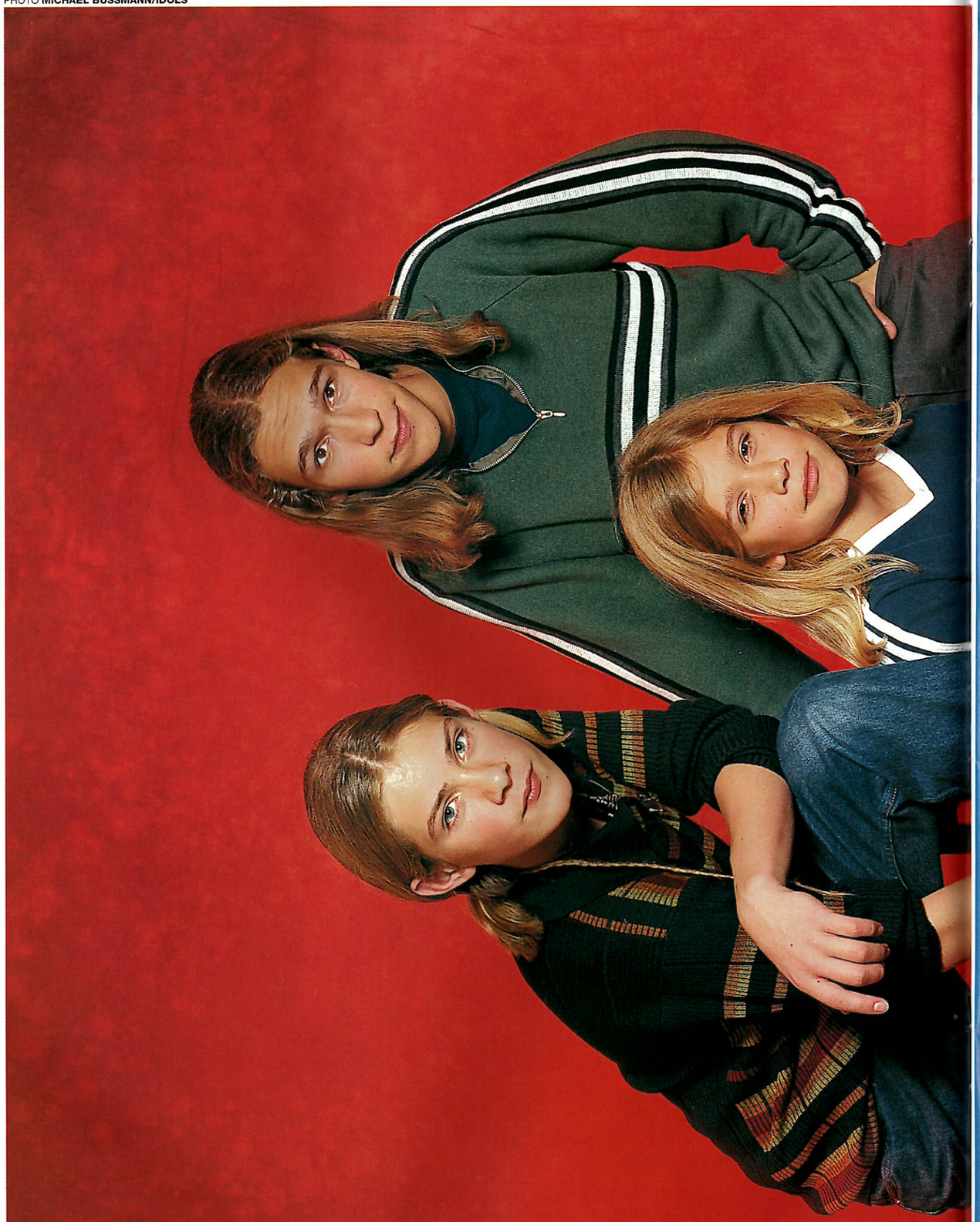

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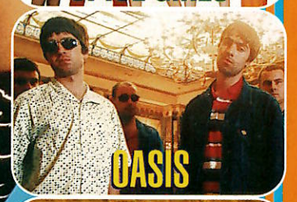

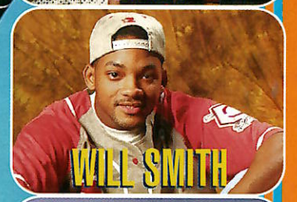

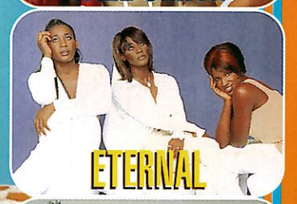

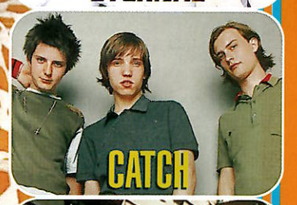

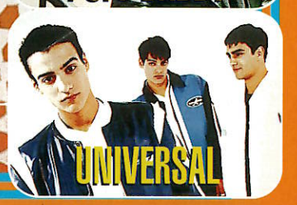

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DIVE INTO AQUA

Come on everybody, Aqua are havin' a pool party - and *everyone*'s invited! Slip into yer swimmin' cossies and 'doll' yerselves up 'cos Barbie's gonna be there!

WORDS JOHN HINDMARCH

Unless you've been marooned on Planet Boring for the last few weeks, you'll have caught yourself humming *Barbie Girl* at least once, after all, it's one of the catchiest pop ditties to appear in absolutely yonks! It's been a huge hit in America, and when you see the song's mad video (featuring a real-life Ken pulling an arm off a real-life Barbie), you just *know* it's gonna be a ginaggerous hit over here. So who (or what) are the mysterious Aqua? Step forward Claus, Søren, René and the gorgeous Lene. We asked Søren to give us a quick guide to Aqua's watery world, and being the nice chap he is, he was more than happy to oblige.

So Søren, introduce yourselves.
"We are four very strong, different personalities. Claus is the quiet guy, he always thinks twice. He keeps everyone out of trouble! I think René is the impulsive guy and Lene can be lots of things, sometimes she's like a mother, and sometimes she can be rough! And me? I talk too much, but I'm not the spokesman - I never think before I speak!"

How do you explain *Barbie Girl*'s success?
"We've only just arrived in America and people here know us and the song already. It's because Barbie is international and because it's a good song, and people understand the humour. Aqua might be refreshing for American music, we don't sound like other songs in the charts. And the video helps!"

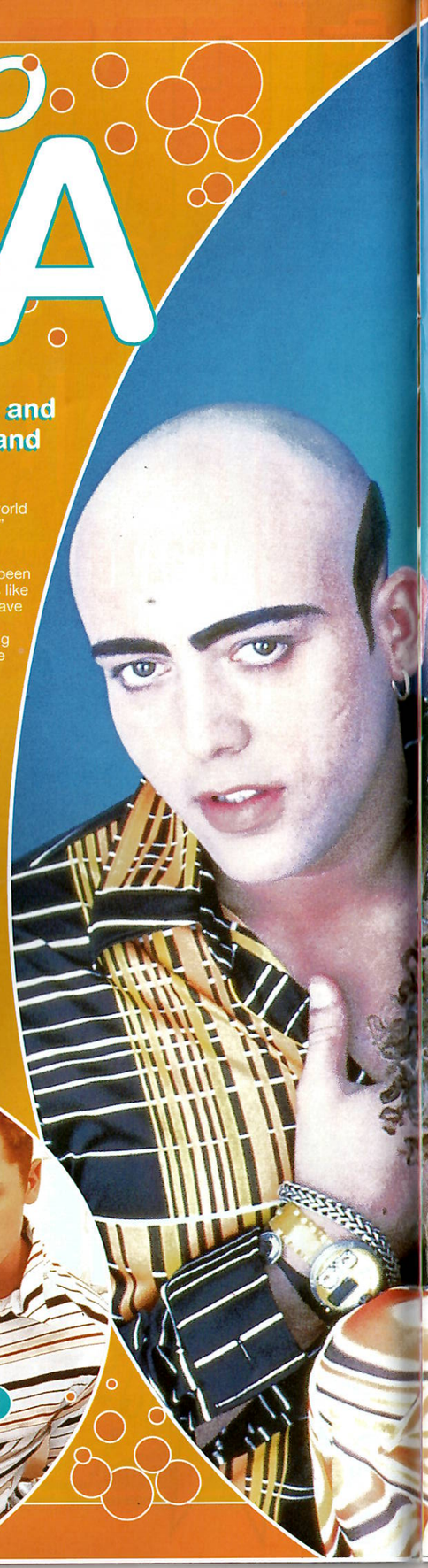
What are you all about?
"We're not like other bands who have a special message, we're not trying to save the world with our lyrics. We just want a world where we can just freak out and have fun!"

Is it fun being in Aqua?
"Being in Aqua today is just great. We've been working for years to get here and it seems like all the decisions we've made up 'til now have been right. Before Aqua, I was doing a normal job and something funny or exciting might happen once, or if I was lucky, twice a week, but in Aqua every day is exciting and special."

Why Aqua?
"The name just popped up from a poster we had in the studio. It was for the Danish National Aquarium. Aqua or water is a positive word, it's something you've just got to jump into and enjoy!"

How would you describe the video to *Barbie Girl*?
"It's all in Barbie colours, and it's set in a glamour world where everything is nice and shiny. It's Aqua in Barbie's world, and it's fun! And a bit corny! Would it be nice to live there? No! It would be boring. Well, maybe for a day or two..."

Aqua. Four crazy-bonkers Danes with mad hair and madder songs, coming soon to a top ten near you!



AQUA
Barbie Girl

(Chorus)
I'm a Barbie girl, in a barbie world
Life in plastic, it's fantastic
You can brush your hair
Undress me anywhere
Imagination, life is your creation

Come on Barbie, let's go party!

(Repeat chorus)

I'm a blonde bimbo girl, in a fantasy world
Dress me up, make it tight
I'm your darling

You're my doll, rock'n'roll, feel the glamour and pain
Kiss me here, touch me there
Hanky panky

You can touch
You can play
I'm always yours

(Repeat chorus)

Come on Barbie, let's go party!

Make me walk, make me talk
Do whatever you please
I can act like a star
Make me beg on my knees

Come jump in, be my friend
Let us do it again
Hit the town, go fool around
Let's go party!

You can touch, you can play
If you say
I'm always yours

Come on Barbie, let's go party!

(Repeat chorus)

Come on Barbie, let's go party!

Written by: S. Rasted, C. Norreen, R. Dif, L. Nystrøm.
Published by: MCA Music Scandinavia AB

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Barbie Girl* to give away. For a chance to win one, simply answer this question:

What's Barbie's boyfriend's name?

Pop your answer on a postcard marked ***Awesome Aqua Comp*** and send it to the competition address, which you'll find on page 77!

facts

● *Aquarium*, the album from which *Barbie Girl* is taken has gone a bozzin' five times platinum in Aqua's native Denmark, and gold in five other countries! If that's not enough, Aqua recently played to *250,000* people in Gran Canaria!

● René once went on a three month DJing trip to Norway, but was so succesful he ended up staying for five years!

● The single is available on cassette and two CDs. The cassette and CD1 feature the radio edit and extended mix of *Barbie Girl*, and the CD also has two extra mixes, including Spike's *Anatomically Correct Mix*(!). CD2 has three mixes, including the Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 12" *G-String Mix*(!), and it's also a CD Rom with the *Barbie Girl* video as well!

Spice Up your Life

SPICE GIRLS

facts

- The mysterious term 'Chicas' in the song words is actually the Spanish word for 'women', and keeping with the foreign feel, 'Hi Ci Ja', actually means 'yes, yes, yes' in Japanese, Spanish and German!
- *Spice Up Your Life* is taken from the second Spice Girls album, which is out on (fingers crossed) November 3rd. That's less than a month away, yippee!
- You've got a choice between two CDs and a cassette, CD1 and the cassette have *Spice Up Ypur Life Radio Mix, The Morales Radio Mix, The Stent Radio Instrumental* and *Spice Invaders*, and CD2 has *The Stent Radio Mix, The Morales Carnival Club Mix* and *The Murk Cuba Libra Mix*. Bozzlin'!

La la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la (x2)

When you're feeling
sad and low
We will take you
Where you gotta go
Smiling dancing
Everything is free
All you need is
positivity

(Bridge)
(Colours of the world)
Spice up your life
(Every boy and every girl)
Spice up your life
(People of the world)
Spice up your life
aaahh!!!

(Chorus)
Slam it to the left
If you're having a
good time
Shake it to the right
If you know that you
feel fine
Chicas to the front
Huh huh go round
Slam it to the left
If you're having a
good time
Shake it to the right
If you know that you
feel fine
Chicas to the front
(huh huh)
Hai Si Ja
Hold Tight

La la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la (X2)

Yellow man in
Timbucktoo
Colour for both me
and you
Kung fu fighting
Dancin' Queen
Tribal space man,
and all that's
inbetween

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus)

Flamenco
Lambada
But hip-hop is harder
We moon walk the
foxtrot
Then polka the salsa
Shake it Shake it
Shake it haka
Shake it Shake it
Shake it haka
Ariba!

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus x2)

Written by: Spice Girls/Richard Stannard/Matt Rowe
Published by: Windswept Pacific Music Ltd./Polygram Music Publishing Ltd.

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Spice Up Your Life* to give away. To be in with a chance of winning one, simply answer this dead easy question:

Before this one, how many No. 1 singles have the Spicies had?

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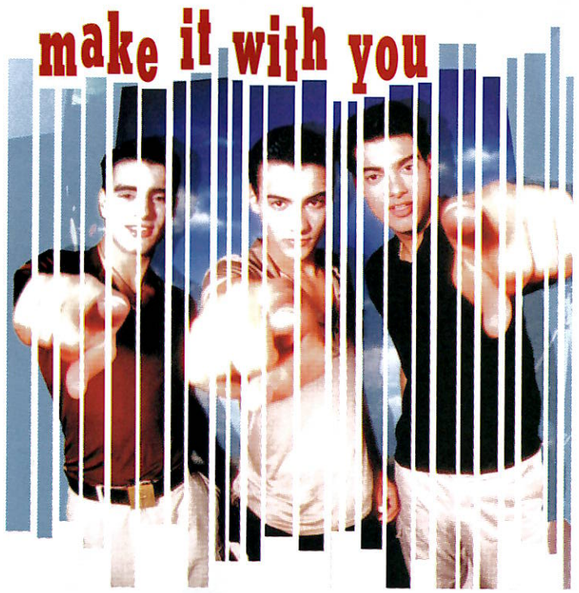

new single out on October 6th

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includes previously unreleased bonus track
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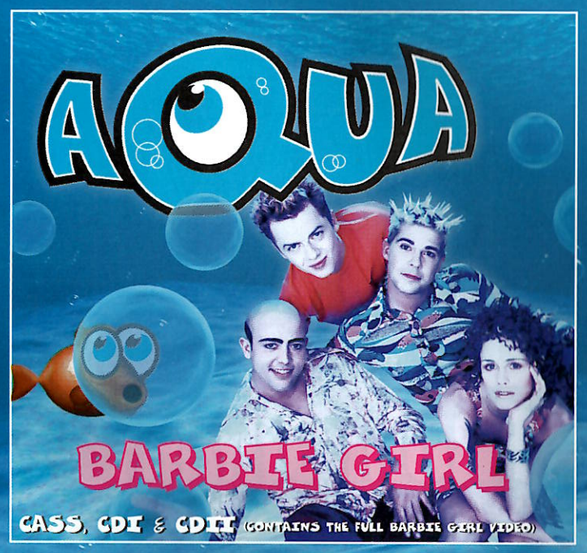

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MAKE IT WITH YOU

I'll make it with you ***I wanna be with you*** *(Oh sha la la la lay-oh)* ***Make it with you*** *I wanna be with you* ***I wanna, I wanna baby***

Ain't no use in trying to stop it, 'cos you got it ***A rolling stone don't catch no moss (no no)*** *Don't slow down now, on me* ***Don't you worry 'bout a thing I do*** *'Cos I really love you and I need you yes I do*

(Bridge) When we go walking on moonlit summer nights *(Moonlit summer nights)* ***You drive me crazy girl*** *I've gotta touch you all night*

(Chorus) Make it with you no matter how *(I wanna be with you baby)* ***Make it with you, I wanna be with you*** *(Oh sha la la la lay-oh)* ***Make it with you, I wanna be with you***

Don't be shy now give me loving, I'll come running ***Don't wanna waste your precious time (no no)*** *Wind your body round me, don't you worry 'bout a thing I do* ***'Cos I really love you and I need you yes I do***

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus)

Can't you hear me say **I wanna be with you everyday** *Your sweet soft skin* ***I wanna touch you within***

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus to fade)

Written by A. Philippou/G. Philippou/ M. Philippou/R. Hedges/M. Brannigan
Published by Copyright Control/Polygram/19 Music

facts

- *Make It With You* is Universal's second single. The first, *Rock Me Good*, made it to a bozzlin' No. 16 - let's see if they can beat that with this one!
- Being brothers, you'd expect the band to be bickering all the time (like most families!). So what's the secret of them staying together? Whenever their arguing gets 'overheated', they just phone their mum back in Australia, and she tells 'em to stop it! Aah!
- *Make It Wth You* comes on two CDs and a cassette. CD1 has *Make It With You* backed with *Make It With You (Bedroom Acappella Mix, ahem!)* and *One More Night*, CD2 has *Make It With You, Make It With You (Keith's Dub Mix)* and *Rock Me Good (Paul's Dad's Dance Mix)*, and the cassette has *Make It With You* and *One More Night*.

you'll find this single on listening posts in Our Price stores.

the our price single

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Make It With You* to give away. To be in with a chance of winning one, simply answer this question:

Which of these animals is Universal's home, Australia, famous for? Is it a) Kangaroos or b) Penguins?

Pop your answer on a postcard marked ***G'Day Universal Comp*** and send it to the competition address on page 77!

oasis

stand by me

Made a meal and threw it up on Sunday I've
Gotta lot of things to learn
Said I would and I'll be leaving one day -
Before my heart starts to burn

(Bridge)
So what's the matter with you?
Sing me something new... don't you know
The cold and wind and rain don't know
They only seem to come and go away

Times are hard when things have got no meaning
I've found a key upon the floor
Maybe you and I will not believe in the things we find
Behind the door

(Repeat bridge)

(Chorus)
Stand by me - nobody knows the way it's gonna be
Stand by me - nobody knows the way it's gonna be
Stand by me - nobody knows the way it's gonna be
Stand by me - nobody knows
Yeah nobody knows the way it's gonna be

If you're leaving will you take me with you
I'm tired of talking on my phone
There is one thing I can never give you
My heart will never be your home

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus)

The way it's gonna be yeah
Maybe I can see yeah
The cold and wind and rain don't know
They only seem to come and go away

(Repeat chorus)

Written by: Noel Gallagher

Published by: Oasis Music/Creation Songs Ltd./Sony/ATV Music Publishing

facts

- Oasis' third album, *Be Here Now*, from which *Stand By Me* is taken, is the fastest selling album in UK history! Gumph!
- Oasis tribute band No Way Sis, managed to play some of the songs off the new Oasis album live, including *Stand By Me* before Oasis, at a tribute band festival recently!
- The single is available on 7", cassette, CD and 12". All formats have *Stand By Me* and *(I Got) The Fever*. The 12" and CD also includes *My Sister Lover*, and *Going Nowhere* is the extra spesh bonus track on the CD.

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Stand By Me* to give away. For a chance to win one, simply answer this question:

Where would you find an Oasis? In a) a desert or b) an ocean?

Pop your answer on a postcard marked ***Mad Fer It Oasis Comp*** and send it to the competition address, which you'll find on page 77!

Will Smith

Just Cruisin'

facts

- This is the second Will Smith single to be taken from the *Men In Black* soundtrack. The first, the originally titled *Men In Black*, stayed in the No. 1 spot for four whole weeks, as you well know!
- For his new vid, Will's roped in hi-tech whizz-kids Industrial Light And Magic, the geezers responsible for the special effects on films like *Star Wars* and *Men In Black*, so it should be a corker!
- Will and his girlfriend Jada Pinkett are so in love they even go out dressed in matching outfits. *Nutty Professor* star Jada, and Will, who have been dating for two years, consult a top Hollywood stylist before stepping out at glam parties to make sure their outfits match perfectly. Awww.

Intro the mistro, nice flow
Hot like nitro
Cool as ice though
That type of dichotomy
Y'all know it's gotta be
Who else could it be but me
Rub your eyes
Behold the big Williest
Dream supreme
Beamed straight from Phillyest, ah
Eclectic female attractor
The rapper slash actor
Right back at ya
Into the next millenium, and he come
But few of those will see me
Servin' like the US Open
Another type of hustler
Listed at Blockbuster
Goin' as a movie usher
Who is he
He or she
SFP, movies, CDs and TVs
But, uh-uh
'Cos today I take a break from that
As I roll where a tank of gas will take me at
I used to rock these
Red Iroc Z's
Now I rock the MBs
With the twelve and V's
Today sun high
Up in the sky
From NY, LA LA to MI
Just cruisin'

(Chorus)
(Where baby I don't care)
Just cruisin'
(As long as you take me there)
Just cruisin'
(Somewhere to clear my mind)

Just cruisin' (just cruisin')

Zero to sixty, flossin'
Ninety degrees
Sony cartridges
Ten CDs each
Reach to the beach
South side leanin'
It ain't often I'm off
And I'm feaning
for the top down, drop down
Got me hot now
Heated up can't stop now
What up cutie whop
Shorts shorts cookin', yo

I know I'm spoken for
Can't hurt lookin' though
Pop CDs
B.I.G. then Tupac's
While cruisin' the blocks
Hittin' the hot spots
Got my celly O-F-F
Golden arches got my belly goin'
Oh yes, yes
So let's just
Ease on down, ease on down the road
No pager on my hip
As I'm rollin' my whip
'Cos today I'm on the solo creep
Man why you think I be workin' so hard all week
I'm just cruisin'

(Repeat chorus twice)

Sun settin' in the s-k-y
Must say I've had the best day
I'm tryin' to find an exit
A place to chill
Not too hectic

So I can spend some time with Will
Let the sun shine to
The moon light
Clear my mind
Soul search
See what I find
If I'm bein'
The best lover and friend
Am I bein'
The best daddy I can
I pray I am
and I feel good today
Reminisce as I'm cruisin' around the way
Roll tight past the park
Where I used to play
Can't think of a better way to spend my day, uh
Still findin' my way
Still growin'
Petro lowin'
Moon still showin'
Gots to get goin'
Loosin' the light
And the freaks come out at night, right
Just cruisin'

(Repeat chorus twice)

Written by Will Smith/Nasir Jones/Kenneth Sover
Published byTreyball Music/ Ill Wind Music/Jovele Music Co. Inc. on Columbia Records

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Just Cruisin'* to give away. For a chance to win one, simply answer this question:

Will Smith's character, The Fresh Prince, lived where?

Pop your answer on a postcard marked ***Wild Will Smith Comp*** and send it to the competition address, which you'll find on page 77!

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Eternal
Angel Of Mine

Oooh
When I first saw you, I already knew
There was something inside of you
Something I thought I'd never find
Angel of mine

I look at you (lookin' at you) looking at me
Now I know why they say the best things are free
Gonna love you 'til the end of time
Angel of mine

What you mean to me you'll never know - ooh

Deep inside - I need to show (show)

(chorus)
You came into my life - sent from above
Better than a dream - such a perfect love
And I'll adore you 'til the end of time
Angel of mine

whoa angel yeah hmm

Nothing means more to me than what we share
No one in this whole world could ever compare
Last night the way you moved is still on my mind
Angel (angel) of mine

What you mean to me you'll never know - ooh
Deep inside - I need to show (show)

(repeat chorus)

Of mine
Angel whoa
Angel (angel)

I never knew I could feel each moment
As if it were new - aahh
Every breath I take or vow that I make
I wanna share it with you

(repeat chorus)

I look at you - looking at me
Now I know why they say the best things are free
Gonna love you till the end of time...
Angel of mine

Words and music Rhett Lawrence and Travon Potts
On EMI records

facts

- This single will be on the greatest hits album out later this month and will no doubt be a great hit.
- *Angel of Mine* is co-written and produced by Rhett Lawrence, who has worked with all sorts of mega stars, including old Mariah Carey. Cool.
- The single is available on cassette and two CDs. CD1 has remixes by Blacksmith and Ignorants as well as the Frankie Knuckles remix of their US single, *Dreams*. The second CD contains two brand new tracks, *Twelve Months* and *Talk About It* together with the Mike Dean remix of *Dreams*. The cassette features *Twelve Months* and alternative Blacksmith and Ignorants mixes of *Angel of Mine*.

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Angel Of Mine* to give away. To be in with a chance of winning one, simply answer this dead easy question:

Which fellow pop star used to be in Eternal? a) Louise b) Gina G

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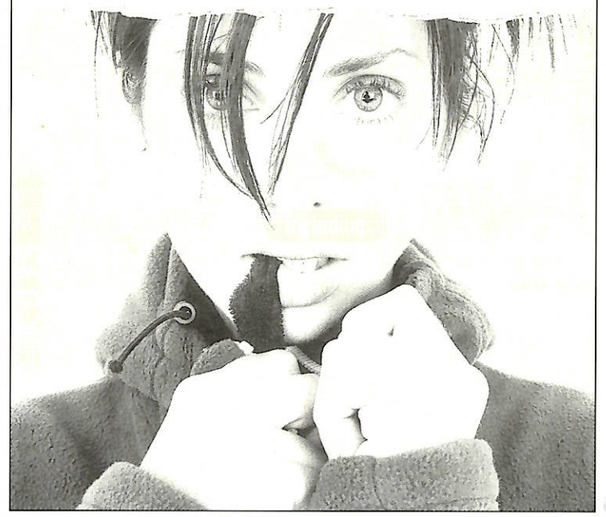

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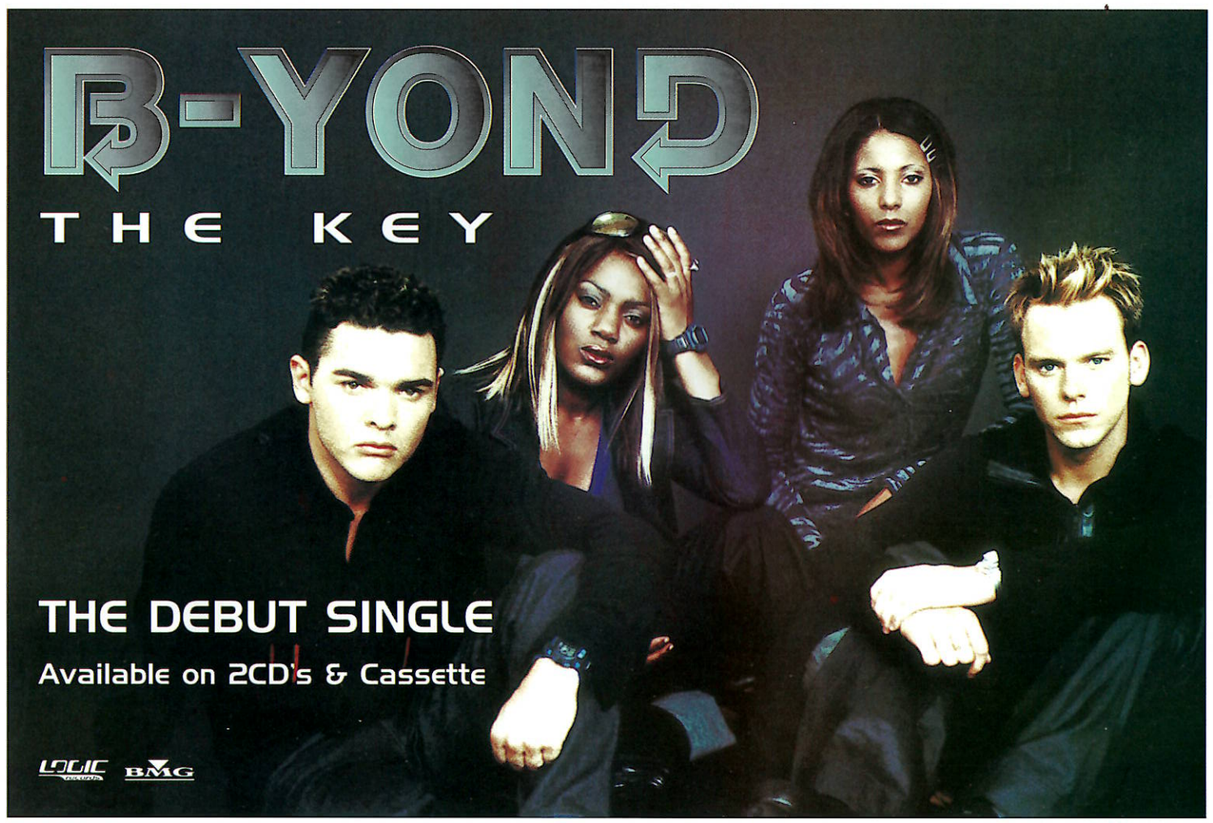

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I've got some fat to lose
And something else too
I never knew the rules
Because I've never had a girlfriend
I suppose I've got a lot to learn

I don't know anything
I'm only 17
I go to public school
They never taught me anything I need to learn
But someone told me where to find out

Out where the lights are red
And the pretty ladies call from their shop floors
Out where the films are blue
Where the licensed places never shut their doors

I will go there - bingo
I will find out
I will discover - bingo
What the fuss is about

So I went up to town
And I got some money out
I found myself a bar
Where all the lovely ladies offered me their help
And then I really found out

Out where the lights are red
And the pretty ladies call from their shop floors
Out where the films are blue
Where the licensed places never shut their doors

Yes I went there - bingo
And I found out
Yes I discovered - bingo
What the fuss is about

But as I tried to leave
They gave the bill to me
I couldn't quite believe
They made me a pay a hundred pounds for diet coke

Or they would call my mother

Out where the skies are black
And they wait for another victim to p'ss on
Out where the kids are green
And are thick enough to let themselves be conned

Yes I went there - bingo
And I found out
Yes I discovered - bingo
What the fuss is about

Written by: Toby Slater
Published by: copyright control

● Catch (l-r Wayne, Toby and Ben) sent a demo of *Bingo*, recorded in Toby's bedroom, to the Spice Girls' producers, who, recognising a top pop tune when they heard it, phoned back days later offering to produce their first single!

● You can catch Catch (doh!) on the *Smash Hits* tour, details of which can be found in this very magazine! Smashin'!

● *Bingo* is available on two CDs and a cassette. CD 1 and the cassette have *Bingo*, *Simon Says* and *The Better Me*; CD 2 has *Bingo*, *Boys Will Be Boys* and *Bitten By You*.

facts

SMASH HITS WIN!

We've got 15 copies of *Bingo* to give away. For a chance to win one, simply answer this dead easy question:

What building like phrase is shouted when you win at bingo: a) house or b) bungalow?

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The man behind one of the biggest hits of the year is back with another sure-fire chartbuster. *Smash Hits* gives you the low-down on the daddy who's been massive around the world...

He's got two names. (Or maybe three!)

Puff Daddy is actually the stage name of 26-year-old Sean Combs from New York. Of course, to all his mates he's known simply as Puffy!

He used to make the tea. (But now he's worth millions!)

Puff Daddy started in the music biz aged 18 as an office junior. He got promoted when he took the boss out to lunch and demanded a better job! Four years later he had his own company (Bad Boy Entertainment) and by 1997 its sales had passed the $75 million mark!

He's done everything else. (But he always wanted to be a star!)

Puff Daddy made his reputation as the main man behind the scenes. He's been a dancer, talent spotter, party promoter and a record-breaking producer. But Puffy always dreamed of getting out front so he could 'rock a coliseum!' And after guesting with loads of top R'n'B stars, his first solo single, *Can't Nobody Hold Me Down*, topped the American charts for four months!

He invented a new sound. (But he can't play a note!)

As the mastermind behind such artists as Jodeci and Mary J. Blige, Puff Daddy is known as the inventor of something called 'Hip-Hop Soul.' And yet the man freely admits, "I can't program no beats or play no instruments!"

He's had a smash hit. (But he's still not happy!)

I'll Be Missing You, Puff Daddy's tribute to the late Notorious B.I.G. (Puffy's best-selling rap artist and good friend) hit the top spot in 11 countries but he says: "I would give up everything just to have Biggie here again." He plans to create a million-dollar scholarship fund with the money he makes from Biggie's last album *Life After Death*.

He nicks other people's songs. (But only the best bits!)

I'll Be Missing You was based on the riff from *Every Breath You Take* by The Police (and written by Sting!), which went to No. 1 in May 1983. His new single, *Been Around the World*, nicks its chorus from Lisa Stansfield's *All Around The World*!

He's going to cover another Sting song. (But this time with the man himself!)

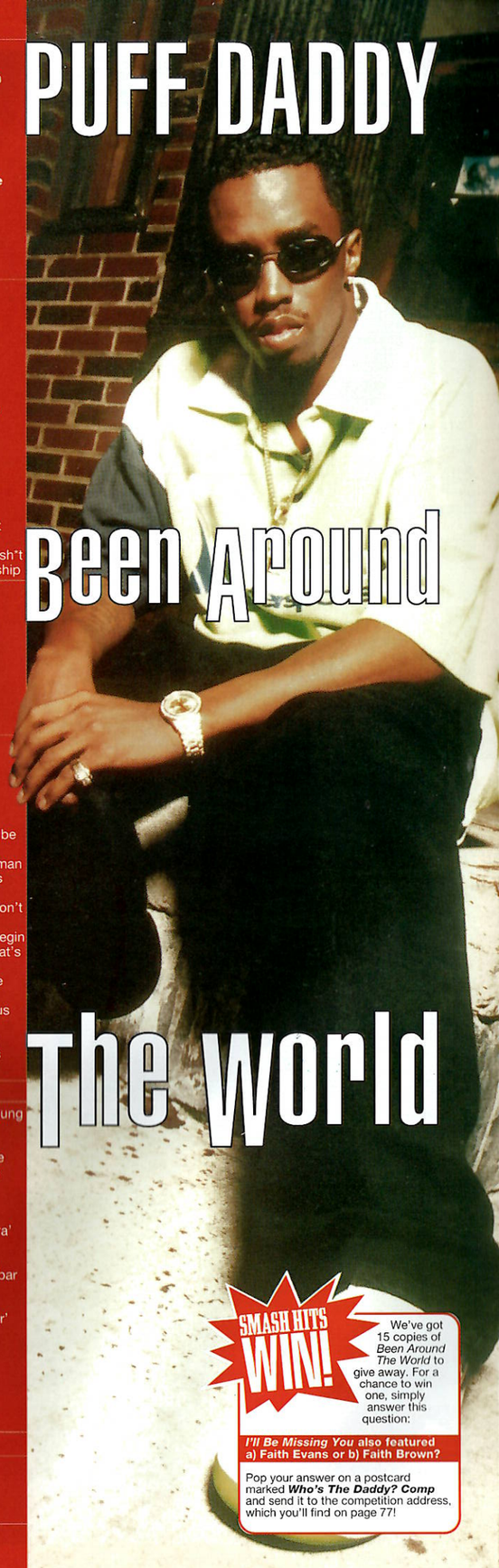
Sting liked Puff Daddy's version of *I'll Be Missing You* so much that he asked him to duet on another of his old songs. Look out for their version of another ol' Police fave *Roxanne* soon! Sting and Puff also got together at the recent MTV Music Video awards to sing *I'll Be Missing You* which they dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales.

WORDS **COLIN KENNEDY**

facts

- Puff Daddy has an angel tattoo on his forearm which says 'friends forever'. He says it's for his grandmother, "because she was my best friend." Awww.
- As well as *Puff Daddy Records* busy ol' Puffy also runs a charity organisation, a film production unit, a management company and a restaurant!
- *Been Around The World* is available on CD, 12" vinyl and cassette. *It's All About The Benjamins* is the bonus track on all formats

PUFF DADDY



Been Around The world

Yo, yo.
This Mase, you know what I'm sayin'
You got niggas that don't like me for whatever reason
You got niggas that don't wanna see me rich
You got niggas that snag 'cos I'm always with their bch**
Then you got niggas that just don't like, y'know those teenage feelings
But you know I talk a lot of sh*t
But I back it up though, see there's a difference
A lot of niggas pile up sh*t
Then a lot of niggas don't make hits
But it's like this ol' Bad Boy sh*t
We come to bring it to you all
Me, B.I., Puff, Lox, whoever, Black Rob
If you wanna dance, you dance

(C'mon.)
Now trick what Mase who?
That ain't what Mase do
Got a lot of girls that'd love to replace you
Tend to you faithful, not behind your back
Niggas talkin' sh*t, we never mind that
Funny never find that, puff a dime sack
Ride high, make 'em save a vinnette
Niggas know you go against a Harlem gigolo
Get your hoe, make a low, make your honey trick low
I represent honies with money, fly guys in Gianni
Ride with the tints that be 35 per cent
Hoes with my lace, so I look both ways
Cop says OK, my tints smoke rays
No way, leave without handing me my sh*t
Got plans to get my land and my sticks
Niggas out of town don't understand that sh*t
Pop champagne like I won the championship

(C'mon)
Been around the world, and I,I,I
You been playa hatin'
(Say what)
I don't know, and I don't know why
Why they want us faded
I don't know why they hate us
(Yeah) Because of the ladies,
(Uh-uh) or I drive a Mercedes
With the ladies.

There was one bad rumour
Dreamin' of a million
Now I'm in beach houses, cream to the ceiling
(That's right.) I was a gentleman livin' in tenements
Now I'm swimmin' in all the women that be tense
Went from Bad Boy's to the crush linen man
Now my dividends be the new benjamins
Hoes of all complexions I like cinnamon
Make sure you got some hoes, so why don't send him in
What you waitin' for, let the freak show begin
How they came in the truck, (Now Puff that's a Benz)
Mercedes, come here baby, you don't like the way it's hot and hazy
Never shadey, must be crazy, it's ridiculous
How you put your lips on this
Don't kiss right there girlfriend, I'm ticklish
I be switchin' beats with switch full of gees
Please, I'm the macaroni with the cheese

(Repeat chorus)

Now Puff rule the world, even though I'm young
I make it my business to see that all ladies come
Get them off strong from the tip of my tongue
Lick them places niggas wouldn't dare to put their faces
Before I die hope I will make a flow pie
In a brand new trans una, ol' child
And when my throat dry, even when I smoke gra'
Eat the mommie cho cha, and drive a low top
We know we ride far, pack five in a car
Save money for the drinks, I'm about to buy the bar
(Yeah)
And everywhere I drive I'm a star
Little kids all on the corner screamin' 'that's my car'
It was days couldn't be fly
Now I'm in the T.I.
Coming clubs with B.I.
And now a homie V.I.
About time I'm five times gold, now honey I fold
While on the way you wanna go
Honey make a hundred at the tolls.

(Repeat chorus)

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We've got 15 copies of *Been Around The World* to give away. For a chance to win one, simply answer this question:

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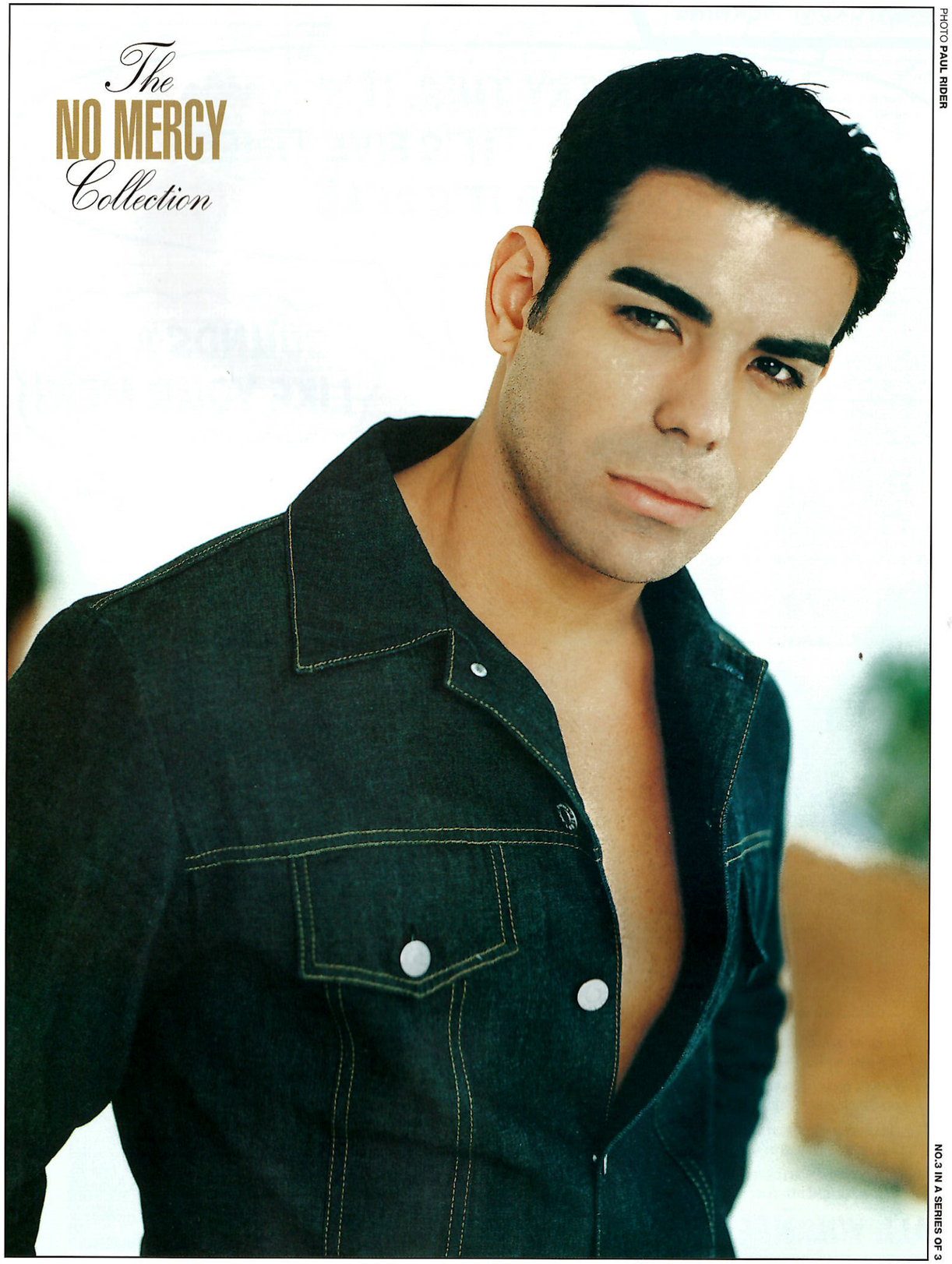

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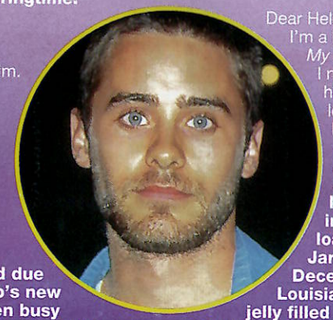
Dear Helen,
Please could you tell me if the Backstreet Boys have any plans to do another UK tour this year. I know they've just finished one but they seem to have gone everywhere except where I live in Cardiff.
Zoe Price, Cardiff

Bad news I'm afraid. I had a word with the lads' spokesman who told me they won't be returning to the UK until next year. The good news though is that they're planning a world tour next year and are hoping to visit Wales then. There are no dates confirmed at the moment, but rumour has it, it could happen around springtime!

Dear Helen,
Please help! Robbie's back, but there's no sign of a fanclub for him. In June you said his sister was running Robbie's fan club, but I can't find an address or what you get for your money. Help!
Louise, Bolton

Sally, Robbie's sister, is currently starting up a new fanclub for him which promises loads of fab surprises. Unfortunately the launch date has been delayed due to management changes, Rob's new record deal and 'cos he's been busy finishing off his album. However if you've already sent off for details you will receive an application form soon. For just £12.95 a year you'll get all the latest news and event details, colour pics, exclusive merchandise offers, a limited edition CD, collector's pack and exclusive fanclub offers. To join get scribbling to: The Official Robbie Williams Fanclub, PO Box 479, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 1BP. Remember don't send any money until you've actually received an application form.



Dear Helen,
I'm a big fan of Jared Leto from *My So Called Life*, but I never see anything about him in magazines and I'd love to know more. Has he got a fan club? Please can you help?
Big Jared Leto Fan, Staffordshire

I've searched the internet and found loads of info for you! Jared was born on December 26, 1971 in Louisiana, USA. He loves jelly filled donuts, snowboarding, playing the guitar and writing songs.There's no official fanclub but check out these two great websites... http://www.wsite.com/Hope/13404s0.html and http://home1.gte.net/foxy1/leto.htm The best news of all is that he's single so all you lay-dees out there, form a queue... *behind me!*

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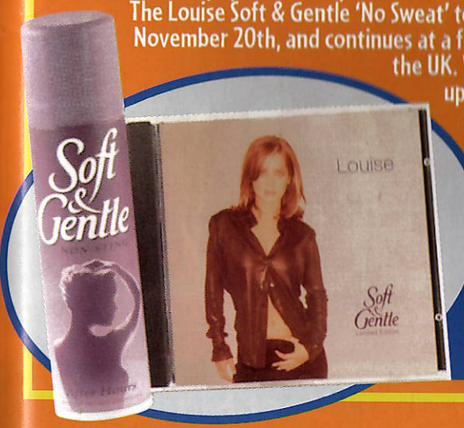

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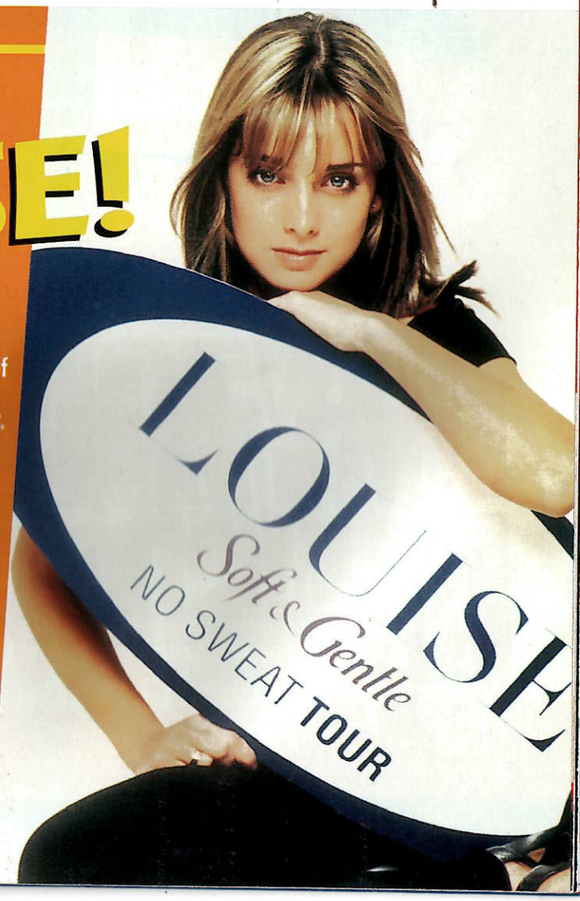

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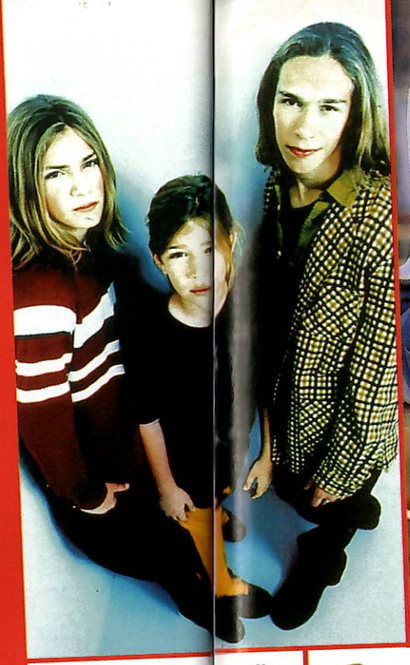

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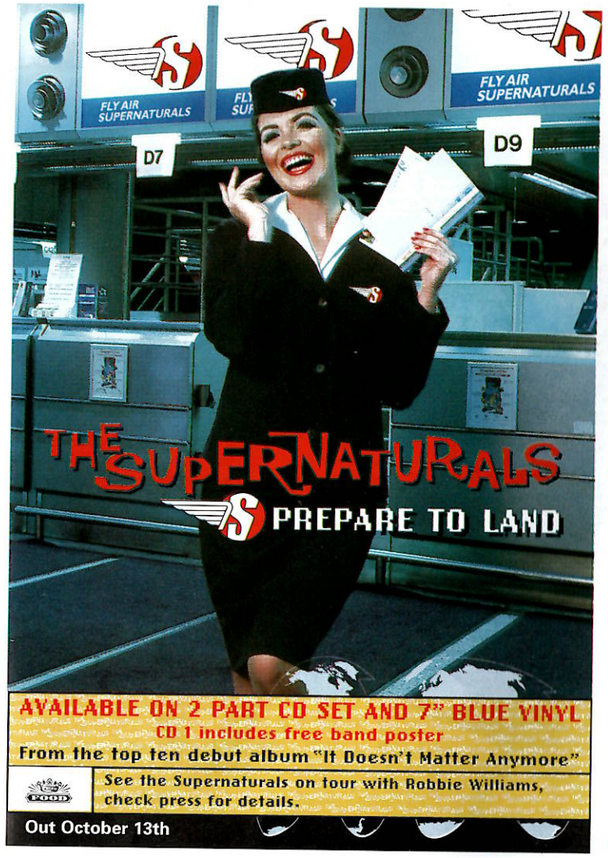
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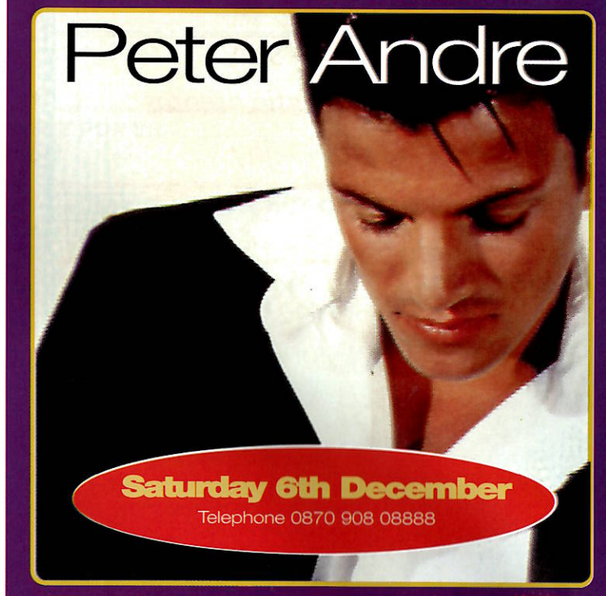

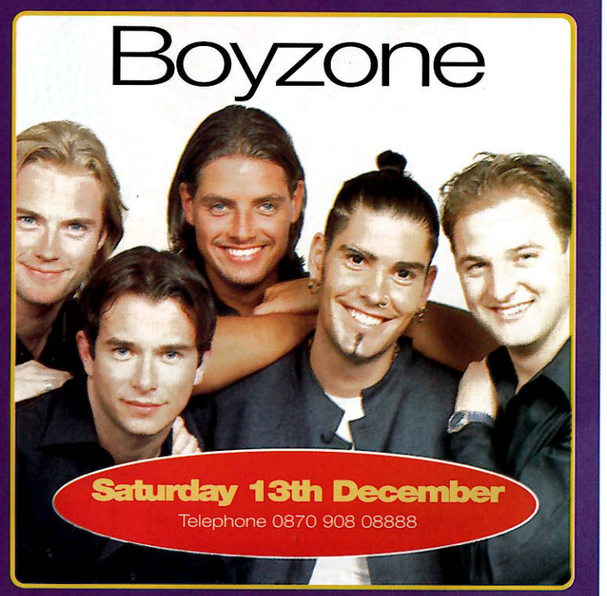

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YOUR STARS FOR OCTOBER 8 - 21

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★ Birthday Boys & Girls ★

Donna (N-Tyce) - 21

born: October 21, 1976
A busy year for the all singin' all dancin' lay-dee as more and more things take up her time. Friends in and out of the band will be important to Donna.

Sir Cliff Richard - 57(!!)

born: October 14, 1940
Sir Cliff has been a bit of a closed book on several issues, but this year he's destined to open up considerably. Charity work and a hit single await!

Dannii - 27

born: October 20, 1970
A new phase has begun for Miss Minogue and the world really is her oyster. But the planets advise her to plan all career moves carefully.

Tony Mortimer (Ex-E17) - 27

born: October 21, 1970
Connections with foreign lands are highlighted for Tony between now and next year. He could travel or meet someone from a different country.

aries
(March 21 - April 20)
The Full Moon in your sign this fortnight suggests some sort of change. If you've had the same hairdo for ages, why not opt for a full Keith Prodge? **NUMBER:** 2 **COLOUR:** Pale blue **DAY:** Monday 20th

taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
If you've been love-sick, now's the time to get your act together and impress your potential paramour with your fun personality. **NUMBER:** 5 **COLOUR:** Gold **DAY:** Tuesday 14th

gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
You've been struggling to get a message to the person you fancy. Now, though, you're about to come over all poet-like and communicate perfectly. **NUMBER:** 8 **COLOUR:** Black **DAY:** Friday 17th

cancer
(June 22 - July 23)
The full moon could have had a bad effect on you, making you prone to jealousy. Beware many friendships have been destroyed by these emotions! **NUMBER:** 8 **COLOUR:** Black **DAY:** Friday 17th

leo
(July 24 - August 23)
You need to get away from your everyday carry-on. Even a night spent at a mate's house or a weekend with your gran will make you feel better. **NUMBER:** 1 **COLOUR:** Red **DAY:** Friday 10th

virgo
(August 24 - Sep 23)
Your ruler Mercury leaves your sign and draws your attention to all things financial. Lending or borrowing money this fortnight is not a good idea. **NUMBER:** 7 **COLOUR:** Purple **DAY:** Thursday 16th

libra
(Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Venus, your ruler, enters your astrological house of communication and helps you get a few things - especially things of a love variety - off your chest. **NUMBER:** 6 **COLOUR:** Grey **DAY:** Wednesday 15th

scorpio
(Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Venus warns you against extravagance. OK, so you may feel someone deserves a treat, but there's no need to blow all your pocket money on them. **NUMBER:** 4 **COLOUR:** Dark green **DAY:** Monday 13th

sagittarius
(Nov 23 - Dec 22)
Ever since June you've been having problems getting your ideas across, but all that changes now. Hurrah, about time too! **NUMBER:** 3 **COLOUR:** Yellow **DAY:** Sunday 12th

capricorn
(Dec 23 - Jan 20)
New light is shed on an old family problem this fortnight. You now realise that you can actually do something to sort it out once and for all. So do it. **NUMBER:** 2 **COLOUR:** Bright pink **DAY:** Saturday 11th

aquarius
(Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Your ruler Uranus starts moving forwards, so expect major changes this fortnight. The planets advise you to go with the flow. Resistance is useless. **NUMBER:** 8 **COLOUR:** Plum **DAY:** Wednesday 8th

pisces
(Feb 20 - Mar 20)
After months of burying your head in the sand over a friendship issue, your ruler Neptune changes direction. Time to face up to your probs! **NUMBER:** 7 **COLOUR:** Aquamarine **DAY:** Thursday 9th

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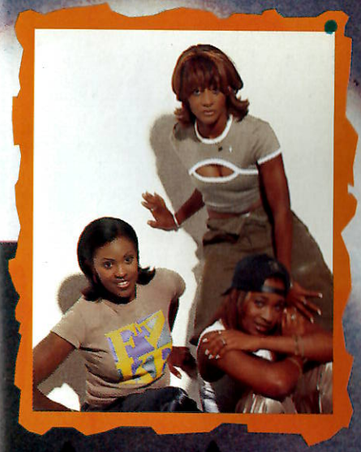

MOBO (Music Of Black Origin) Awards, is back again on November 10 at The New Connaught Rooms in London and will be broadcast on ITV three days later.

Winners last year included: Mark Morrison for Best R&B, The Fugees for Best International Single and Best International Act and Gabrielle for Best Single. And hoping to strike lucky this time round are Shola Ama, Prodigy, Puff Daddy, R Kelly, En Vogue and Eternal to name but a few!

Our exciting competition offers you the fantastic opportunity to mix with the stars! We've got a pair of VIP tickets up for grabs! The winners will be able to watch the awards in a plush VIP lounge where you'll be served refreshments. Finally, you'll have access to the exclusive aftershow party where you can mingle with the stars some more!

Don't worry if you're not lucky enough to win first prize as we've also got five pairs of tickets for the Radio 1/MOBO Weekend that's taking place on the November 7, 8 and 9. There'll be loads of chart topping bands performing - you'll be the envy of all your friends!

To be in with a chance of winning this fantastic competition, just answer this simple question:

Who won the award for Best International Act at last year's MOBO Awards?

Pop your answer on a postcard and send it to MOBO Awards/*Smash Hits*, PO Box 84, Peterborough, PE4 5HB by October 22.

. Please note. If you're under the age of 18 you'll need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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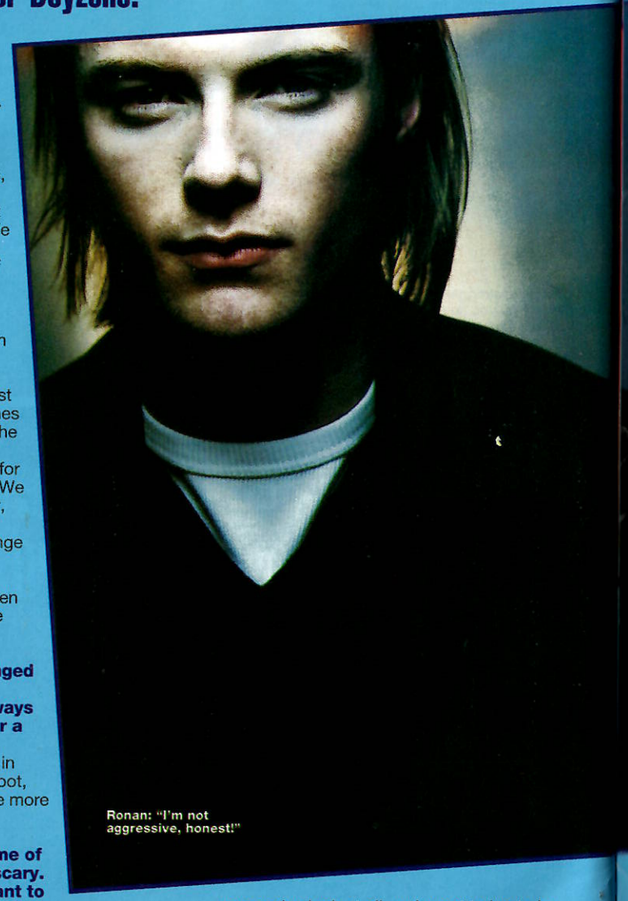
MEN IN BLACK?

The new-look, grown-up, cool as ice Ronan tells Smash Hits all about getting older, looking well hard, startin' fights and what the future holds for Boyzone.

Here come the MIB. The Men In Black. This time not Will and Tommy, but Ronan, Stephen, Shane, Keith and Mikey.
As our brand spankin' new photos show Boyzone have got a new look. Ronan, the King Of Pop, and his Boyz have taken on a new image and new attitude. Blimey! They look different, they look all cool 'n' serious and they look a bit hard. Not that we're scared, of course, 'cos we chatted with Ronan and he explained the changes happening in the BZ camp.
Since shooting to stardom on the *Hits* tour in 1993 the Irish whipper-snappers have grown up on Planet Pop. They've had loadsa hits, toured the world and been generally tops for ages. In the last four years young tykes like 911, Damage and Hanson have appeared and Boyzone are the big-boys in pop's playground now. They even look a bit like the school bullies. But thanks-a-lordy they're not, they are, like everyone, just getting older.

OK Ro, what gives with the new look?
"I know, what am I like? Jeez, it's all my fault (*he jokes*) black is my favourite colour. We're old fellas now, that's the thing. We have to look like the old men we are, ha-ha."

Explain Boyzone's thoughts behind doing the pics and the new image?
"It's been a while so a shoot like this is very important for us. Boyzone are at a turning point as we've been here for four years. We may have started after Take That, but we're the only band left out of the old crew of us, Take That and East 17. Now we have to find out where we need to go. We want to go somewhere without alienating any of our fans, still being Boyzone, but opening ourselves to a wider audience like we did with *Picture Of You*. We all realise these photos are important. Usually we just get dressed in nice clothes and smile for pictures. The changes are something that've been happening for a while within the band. We are starting to look older, the clothes we wear are older - maybe it's a change but it's a natural progression. If George Michael hadn't beaten us to it we'd call the next album *Older*."



Ronan: "I'm not aggressive, honest!"

You haven't changed the clothes that much, you've always been a sucker for a black suit!
"It's not dissimilar in look to our last shoot, the differences are more in the faces."

Shane: "Grrr..."

We noticed! Some of you look quite scary. We wouldn't want to meet Mikey in a dark alleyway!
"Ha-ha, I'll tell him you said that. I guess that's getting the more serious vibe, before it was all fun, smiles..."

Steve's still a smiler, though...
"That's Stephen through and through, always will be, however much else changes."

You look like you'd scare Liam, Keith Prodge *and* Mel B. So c'mon 'Scary Zone' are you startin'?
"Am I startin'? Erm, I don't know... well, erm, no I'm not startin'. I don't want to get meself in trouble! It's not an aggressive look at all, we're not trying to be tough lads, be something we're not. We're just having a bit of a laugh. In the last four years we've always been the smiley, nice boys. We're decent, down-to-earth boys, basically we're getting more relaxed in photos."

MIB

"We're old fellas now. We have to look like the old men we are, ha-ha."

Do you worry fans might be scared?
"We hope they won't be alienated, it's something

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Keith: "I'm well hard, so don't start nuffink!"

different for the fans, a new way for us to look. Hopefully it'll stop them getting bored with seeing the same photos day in, day out."

Does it reflect any change in your personalities. You're more than three years older than when we first met you?
"We've learned a lot, we've gained a lot more character. When you're younger you're very easily influenced, you're not sure what you're about. You're still learning where you're going, what you're doing. Now we've learned a bit more, who we are as individuals and we can portray it."

"We often talk about changing the name. If we could abbreviate it to BZ that would be perfect."

If the changes are happening bit by bit, where are you going next? Should we be prepared for leather clad bikers with pierced nipples and mohicans?
"By no means. Although as you know I love my motorbike and I like leather! What you see is what you get with Boyzone, we're not aiming to go anywhere. We are where we are."

Were you tempted to have one of those TV make-overs, like on *This Morning*?
"No, I'm fine doing it myself. I'd find it impossible letting anyone else do it. I don't think I'm vain enough to go in for that either."

Would you have split up if you weren't allowed to change like this yourselves?
"Yes. If someone tried telling us what to do, where to go we wouldn't be here now. The strength of Boyzone is individuality, our own personality and us controlling things."

You've grown up so much, you now look more mature, can you still be called Boyzone?
"We often talk about changing the name. When we started Boyzone, the logo and the name depicted exactly what we were and where we were going at that time. Right now, obviously, we're not boys. Basically it's just a name now. If we could abbreviate it to BZ, that would be perfect, a lot of people call us that anyway and it's much easier to write."

Being the old skool boy band do you want to distance yourself from the new kids like Five, Kavana, 911 and Hanson?
"I don't think there's anything deliberate we've had to do, it's happened naturally. People see us in a different light for some reasons because our songs aren't all that 'Ooh baby I love you' stuff anymore. *Isn't It A Wonder*, *Different Beat* and *Picture Of You*, they're from a different angle. We write and co-produce our own stuff, they're still good melodic songs - but I can't see us suddenly turning into Bon Jovi or someone like that."

Can you sing *Love Me For A Reason* looking like this?
"No, not really."

Should we expect a harder edge for the music too?
"I don't think harder, but definitely more mature. Still the sort of melodic songs we enjoy performing and singing. Songs that our fans, young and old, will enjoy listening to."

...BZ go gangsta rap, perhaps?
"No, ha-ha, not yet. We're still making music in the same field, just in a different corner of that field. There's a different feel to it, we couldn't just release another *Different Beat* album."

So is this the end of your dance routines then?
"Well you never know, I'm not going to say anything at this stage."

You're coming back to Britain for a big tour later this year, will the tour be really different?
"There will be changes, but not so much this time. This is going to be our last tour for a while. We've done so much touring in the last three years we decided it's time to do other things. After this tour we're going to take a break from touring for a while, hit you with something big and new at the end of next year. We hope to see you all there."

Mikey: eep! Don't hurt us!

Stephen: mean? Moody? Get outta here!

WORDS **BEN KNOWLES**

A SMASH HITS PROMOTION

THIS'LL PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE!

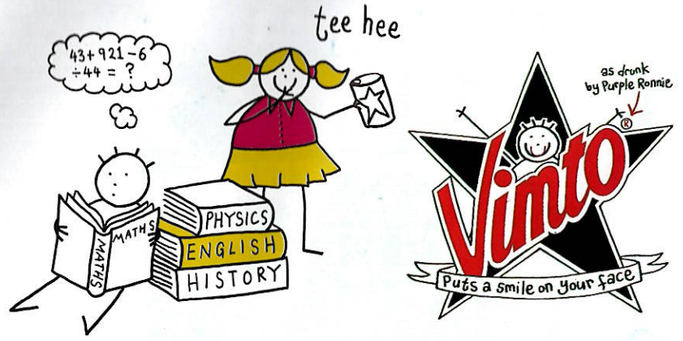
Cor blimey guv'nor, what a load of talented geezers and geez-esses you lot are! Little did we know, when we got together with the bods at *Vimto* and asked you to put pen to paper what a ginaggerous response we'd get! We were swamped with rhyming couplets from thousands of you budding poets out on planet pop, all done in a Purple Ronnie/Vimto stylee, and one thing's for sure - they're all better than our Gav's effort! But alas, there can only be one winner, and that lucky girl is... Katie Louise Turner, aged 9, from Wolverhampton, wa-hey! She's got a year's supply of the gorge fruity drink, Vimto (that's a can-tastic 365 tins!) winging it's way to her at this very moment, and there's more! Katie Louise gets her poem published in the bestest pop mag in the world, ever! Not even Shakespeare managed that!

a poem about

Swotting

by Katie Louise Turner

My brother thinks I'm a dimbo
But little does he know
When he's doing all his swotting
I'm drinking his Vimto



singles

SPICE GIRLS: Spice Up Your Life
Wa-hey! The long awaited new Spice Girls single sees the fab five getting all Latino on us. Will it spice up Mark's afternoon? Er, it doesn't look like it!
"This sounds like another *Wannabe* to me and I'm sure it'll do just as well. *(30 seconds in and the CD player cuts out)* Oh, there you go, the CD player didn't like it! I think the Spice Girls are very good at what they do, but personally this isn't my cup of tea. This song is a guaranteed hit - even if it wasn't by the Spice Girls, it's really catchy and I'm sure there's probably a dance that'll be going on to it in the clubs. It's got a real Brazilian feel to it and it's a good party track, but I think they've done better.
My faves are *Say You'll Be There* and *Who Do You Think You Are?*"
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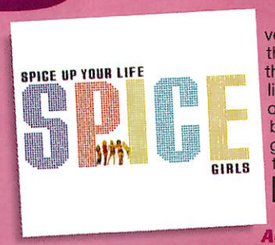

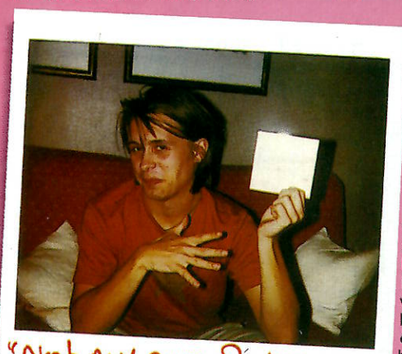

B-YOND: The Key
Two boys, two girls, one dream! But is it enough to shoot them beyond (ahem) the current batch of new pop acts or will they be left B-hind!
"I like the idea of two guys and two girls for a change, but as a song there's a lot of other stuff like this around. I think to do something like this, unless you're very lucky, it's a lot of hard work. It's always difficult to get that initial backing, you have to do lots of club gigs to build up a fan base. As a pop song this follows a traditional formula, it's a very poppy sound and that's great. The only thing I think with bands like this is the possibility of overkill. How many bands of this nature can get hits? Still, good luck to them though."
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AQUA: Barbie Girl
Irritating Europop ditty that's proving to be ever so popular in America and looks set to do the same here. Mark's not keen and turns it off after ten seconds!
"It sucks! It'll be a huge hit! When I first heard this on the radio they said, 'You're not going to believe this, but this is in the Top Ten in America'. I didn't believe my ears even though they tried to prepare us for it! It's a pile of rubbish. It made me laugh when I heard it, but I don't like it at all. I think it'll do well in one of those Mr Blobby kind of ways. What's the lowest I can give it? One? One it is then."
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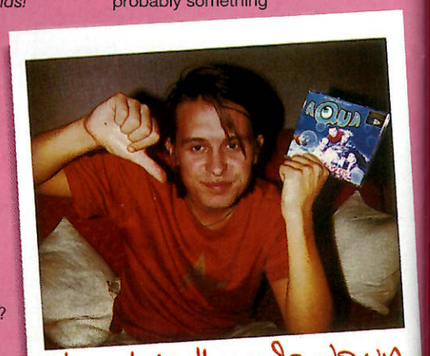

OLIVE: Miracle
Olive quickly follow up Outlaw their successful-but-not-as-successful-as-You're Not Alone second single with Miracle. If you liked the first two you'll love this. Does Mark?
"Erm, I quite like Olive. I wasn't so keen on the second single, but I thought the first one was really good. It's always difficult when you have a No. 1 with your first single to keep that going, but I think they're doing really well. For me It's got a kind of mellow dance vibe and is probably something

SINGLE OF THE FORTNIGHT NO. 1
NATALIE INBRUGLIA: Torn
Soap fans should remember Nats as the lovely Beth from Neighbours, but she's also famed for her doomed love affair with Friends fella David Schwimmer (Ross). Now she's releasing a record. Another case of soap star turns musician?
"When I first heard about this I did think, 'Oh no another soap star making music', but when I listened to it I was actually very surprised. I was surprised first of all by her voice, she's got a really nice sounding voice. Secondly, as a song, I think it's very catchy and has got really strong lyrics. I think if this gets radio play it'll be a big hit. I think people should give it a chance 'cos it's a really good song."
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SINGLE OF THE FORTNIGHT No. 2
PRIMAL SCREAM: Burning Wheel
Weirdy, swirly The Verve style track which has young Mark bobbing his head with approval like a good 'un.
"I like Primal Scream and I bought their album as soon as it came out, this song really stood out for me on the album. What I find most amazing about them is the sounds they've got going on and the kind of melodies they use. I didn't really catch what he was talking about in this song. When I hear this song it makes me want to be back at Butterfly's in Oldham when I was 16 or 17. That was the main place to go at the time, listening to The Stone Roses and struttin' around! This reminds me of there, which is a good thing. For different reasons to Natalie I'll give this a four too."
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that'd be nice late in the evening. It's not too in yer face. The only problem with their songs, I think, is that they can tend to sound a bit samey, but maybe that's just the way I'm listening to them! Maybe if I listened to the whole album I'd find it all sounds different and that I was totally wrong! Saying that I like what they're doing and I know they've been at it a long time. I wish them the best of luck."
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UNIVERSAL: Make It With You
Aussie brothers Michael, George and Adam are hoping to make it big with this Mysterious Girl-stylie number.
"I didn't hear their last song so I haven't really got a lot to compare this to. The thing with these kind of songs is that they always seem to do quite well, that kind of reggae feel. On first hearing it didn't do much for me, it's a little bit messy and a little bit samey. My fave kind of songs are songs that have a little bit of depth and this doesn't really have any. I'm sorry to the three guys from Australia, Universal, but again, It's not my favourite, You're better than *Barbie Girl*, not as good as the Spice Girls, but because I can't have halves I'll put this on two as well."
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SUPERGRASS: Late In The Day.
Ballady guitar strummer from the nasher-flashing threesome that is Supergrass! Will Mark be chillin' to it late in the day?
"I like that. I really like the down bits where it all comes quiet. It's got a good catchy chorus too. I loved the first song they had out off this album. I loved the power of it. This hasn't got that power, but it's still a very nice song. It's really difficult when you listen to things for the first time so I'd give it a three."
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ASH: A Life Less Ordinary
Ash are back with A Life Less Ordinary - the title track from a new movie by the Shallow Grave and Trainspotting camp.
When I saw the pile of records for me to review, this one was the one that was most exciting for me. I've been kind of wondering recently what Ash had been up to. I really like this song and I like the verses a lot, it's got quite an American feel to it. I think it'll get the right exposure being on the film. I'll give that a four 'cos Ash are back - they've probably never been away, but in my eyes it's a return for them.
4/5

WILL SMITH: Just Cruisin'
Following his four week run at the top of the charts with Men In Black, the King Of Cool is back with a more laid-back affair.
"I like Will Smith, I think as a character he's brilliant. I don't know how he finds the time to record all his records and act in the big films like he does! *Men in Black* was like a *Boom Shake The Room* type track for me and this is more like... what's the other one he did. *Summertime*? that's it! Well this is like a *Summertime* for me which was a huge song. I like his rapping 'cos it's really mellow. Sometimes rap can be quite heavy and you really have to be in the mood for it. I like his voice too, you always imagine shakin' your 'ting' to Will Smith! I think it would have to be something to do better than *Men In Black*, but I still think it'll do well."
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NORTHERN UPROAR: Goodbye
Manchester's other indie kids are back with another tuneful guitar strummin' offering. But will Manc Mark like it?
"When it first started and I heard the guitar at the beginning, I expected Boyz II Men to come in! I like Northern Uproar, they're still a young band, only about 19 or 20. I like some of the stuff they've done in the past, but I don't really like this one! I just don't think it really... Oh no, I'll probably get a slap for this when I bump into 'em... but I don't think it really suits his voice. It sounds a little bit strained. Northern Uproar are cool, but that particular song is not... one of my favourites.
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albums

JANET JACKSON: The Velvet Rope
Janet Jackson's a saucy devil and no mistake. Not content with making one of the most snog-inciting albums ever (her last effort, *Janet*) she's had another bash with *The Velvet Rope*. Slinky ballads called things like *Rope Burn* (ahem) rub well-massaged shoulders with, erm, more slinky ballads like *Tonight's The Night*. Fortunately, Janet lobs in a few pop thunderers like the fantastic *What About* before it all gets too smoochy. If *The Velevet Rope* doesn't shiver your timbers, your woodshed must be empty (or, erm, something)!
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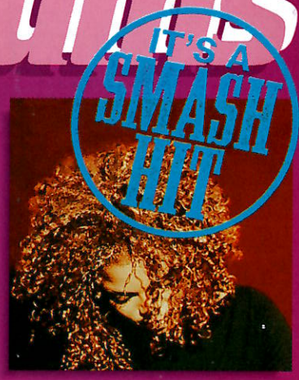
Alex Needham



LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY: Postcards From Heaven
The second album from the Lighthouse Family finds them in a mellow place. More downbeat than the best selling debut *Ocean Drive*, *Postcards From Heaven* will leave you not so much *Lifted* as comfortably seated. It all slips down nicely, but the songs lack real bite. Without any big fat pop hooks to get caught in your head it's all too easily forgotten as soon as the last track fades out.
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Colin Kennedy

VARIOUS: A Life Less Ordinary Original Soundtrack
This is the soundtrack to the latest film by the people who brought you *Trainspotting*. And just like that movie's soundtrack there's a choon for every musical taste. In fact, *A Life Less Ordinary* contains everything from The Prodigy all the way through to Elvis Presley! In between you'll find cool tracks from the likes of The Cardigans, Underworld and REM. Top!
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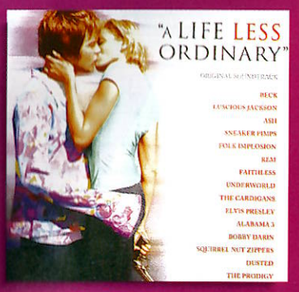
Andy Winter



SLEEPER: Pleased To Meet You
Louise Wener, Sleeper's lead singer, is a pop star. She's probably the closest thing we have to Indie Spice and she's certainly the best thing about Sleeper. In interviews she talks a really good pop song, but unfortunately doesn't write many. Instead, Lou and her group have made another average album.
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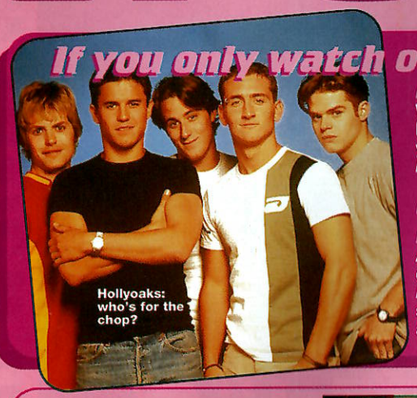


If you only watch one programme this fortnight make it...

HOLLYOAKS, October 8/9th, 6.30pm, Ch4
When *Hollyoaks* started it had trouble running for a whole week so they cut it back to two nights. Now, of course, *Hollyoaks* is just tops and so we get the second four-nighter this year! Anyway, you'd be daft to miss the car-chase climax to this one! Rumour has it when the cars come to a stop *Hollyoaks* will be lacking a character or two! Take your pick from Kurt, Stan, Ollie, Tony or Bazz...

But if you think football and soaps don't mix just watch...

DREAM TEAM, Tuesdays/Wednesdays from October 14th, 6pm, Sky 1
A soap opera about football? Whatever next!? You might think there's enough footy on TV already, but those good folk at Sky have other ideas. *Dream Team* is the twice-weekly story of a group of young hopefuls struggling for success on and off the pitch. Created by writers from *Corrie* and *Emmerdale*, *DT* also features gorge ex-Take That bloke Jason Orange!

SOAP SPY

NEIGHBOURS
Debbie gets a real shock when a business lunch with Darren ends with a kiss! She tells him romance is not on the cards, but is her mind really made up?

CORONATION STREET
Leanne causes yet more trouble on the Street. First she applies for Mavis's old job (Rita's not amused), then she sets her sights on a new man...

FAMILY AFFAIRS
Gavin goes a bit bonkers with his plan to steal the wages from the Bypass site. Roy and Duncan don't want anything to do with him, but then Gavin pulls a gun!

BROOKSIDE
Callum and his protection racket want a piece of Bar Brookie. Ron and Jacqui want to go it alone, but then they're made an offer they can't refuse...

HOME AND AWAY
Things go from bad to worse for Jesse as he loses his court battle to keep Rachel. Then Selina tells him that she can't move in with him... because she loves Steven!

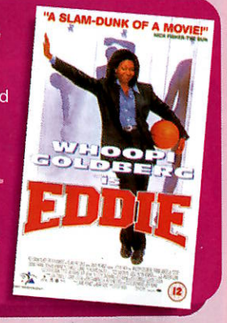
EASTENDERS
New girl Jesse isn't talking, and Mark and Ruth are finding life as foster parents harder than they'd expected! Meanwhile, The Jackson's reach crisis point.

If you only rent one video this fortnight make it...

SPACE JAM (U)
Two foot tall aliens want to kidnap the Looney-Tunes, but Bugs and co. have one chance for freedom - to beat the aliens at basketball! Seems like a good plan until the aliens steal the talent (and height) of basketball's biggest stars. Luckily the toons know the best player in the world (Michael Jordan) is currently employed as a baseball star and set about trying to recruit him for their team...

But if you just can't get enough basketball comedies...

EDDIE (12)
Isn't it always the way? You spend all year waiting for a good *basketball* comedy to come along then two appear at once! *Eddie* doesn't have any toons, but it does have Whoopi Goldberg which is almost as good. She's a basketball fan who gets the chance to coach her fave team and sets about turning them into world beaters. Armed with loads of snappy one-liners she might do it.



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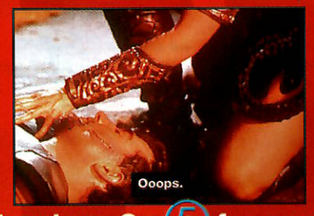
THE ADVENTURES OF XENA: WARRIOR PRINCESS

Previously in The Adventures of Xena: Warrior Princess the world was left holding its breath when it seemed Channel 5's toughest chick had fallen in love and looked in danger of being left holding the baby. Find out what happens next in this final thrilling installment.



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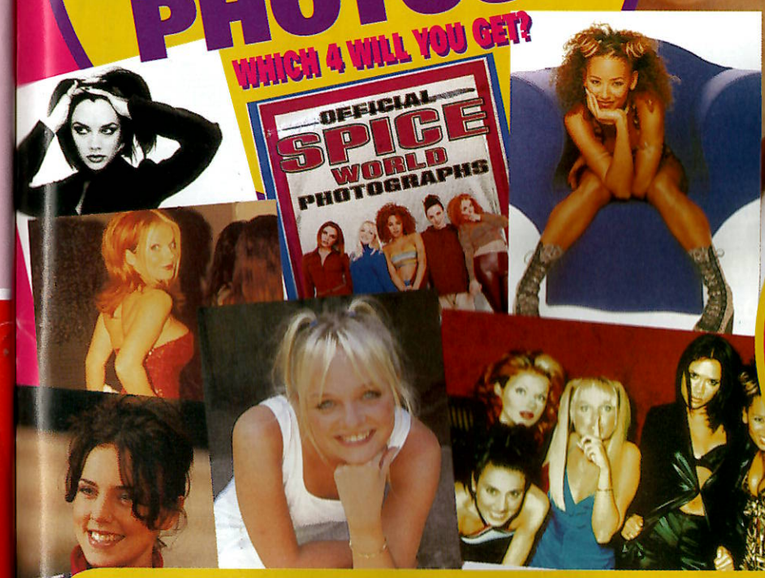

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Pop Self Portrait

This beautiful self portrait was drawn by a top pop star. Can you guess who was responsible?

As long as you love him, this fella will keep drawing. Howie ever passed his art exam, we'll never know!

Answer: Howie D (Backstreet Boys).

Pop Monster!

Three famous faces make up this week's pop monster. Can you guess which bit belongs to who?

The faces are: Hair: Coree from Damage; **Eyes & Nose:** James from North And South; **Mouth:** Esther from Eternal.

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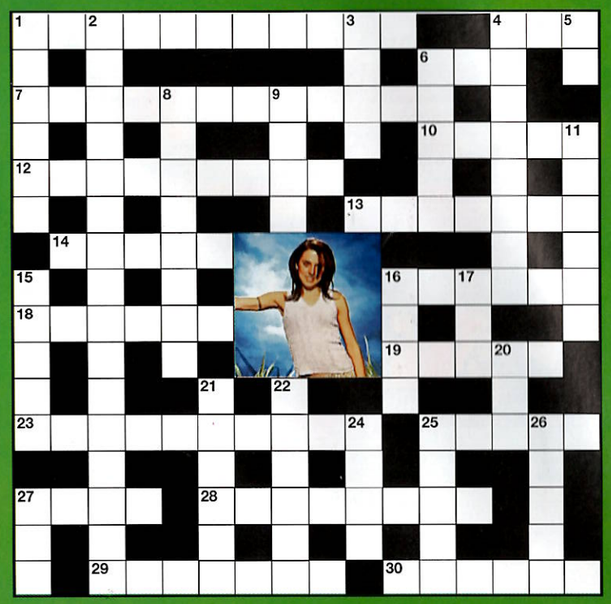

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1 See photoclue (6,5)
4 *I Wanna Be The Only* —- (Eternal) (3)
6 & 1 down Foursome complete with halos? (3,6)
7 & 27 down R Kelly imagines he's a Birdman (1,7,1,3,3)
10 Duchovny or Chockachi maybe (5)
12 *Never Gonna Let You Go* she reckoned (4,5)
13 All-action, Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage movie (3,4)
14 Could be Paul, could be Hulk (5)
16 He'll *C U When U Get There* (6)
18 *You Don't* —— — (Queen) (4,2)
19 Mr Toe turns into an Eddie Murphy movie (5)
23 She's Phoebe in *Friends* (4,6)
25 Harold's missus in *Neighbours* (5)
27 Available, like DJ Quicksilver (4)
28 Movie that starred Buzz Lightyear (3,5)
29 They were *Too Gone, Too Long* (2,5)
30 This Emily is *Home And Away*'s Marilyn (6)

DOWN

1 See 6 across
2 They crooned a *Traveller's Tune* (5,6,5)
3 —— *Jamboo* (Mr President) (4)
4 Popeye's girlfriend (5,3)
5 Where Dr Carter meets Dr Ross (1.1.)
6 Her surname is MacDowell (5)
8 Here's a big hug from Erasure (2,2,4)
9 Vince who's Ron Dixon in *Brookside* (4)
11 *Let Me Clear My Throat* he requested (1,1,4)
15 - —— *You* (Peter Andre) (1,4)
16 *How* ——, *How Long* (Babyface) (4)
17 They were *All Out Of Love* (1,1,1)
20 Coloured like Code or Hot Chili Peppers (3)
21 *Everything* —— — (Manic Street Preachers) (4,2)
22 *Who* —- —-? (Pearl Jam) (3,3)
24 *What's Love Got To Do* —— *It?* (Warren G) (4)
25 There was none for those *Kiss You All Over* hitmakers (5)
26 101 Dalmatians star Close (5)
27 See 7 across

Don't phone, it's just for fun!

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Freed; 8&1 down All I Wanna Do; 9 Levellers; 11 Harmony; 12 Sarah; 13 Australia; 14 I Want; 16 Lane; 19 Hill; 20 Dean; 21 Control; 25 Need; 27 C.U. When; 28 Fair; 29 Puff Daddy; 30 Zoe; 31 Ramsay; 32 Lasers.
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LUCY IN THE SKY

Dear Gav,
This is my mate Lucy, who said she'd be in heaven if she met Steve from Boyzone. Unfortunately she thought he lived there so she tried to fly to him!!! I knew it would all end in tears.
Love from Katie, Kent.
Well, I hope she had a swinging time! Ho ho!

SHOCK DISCOVERY!

Dear Gav,
I'm a mega Backstreet Boys fan and have both of their albums. I listen to them all the time and discovered that the first word sung on both albums is 'Everybody'. Bye bye,
Charlene Aicken, Tenby
Call Scully and Mulder, this is a case for the X-files! Are there any other spooky coincidences out there? Let me know!

I LIKE IKE!

Dear Gav,
Why does everyone go on about Taylor Hanson all the time? I mean I like him and everything, and he's alright looking, but if you ask me Isaac is way nicer and drop-dead gorgeous, so no more sarcastic comments. If it wasn't for him Hanson would be in the middle of nowhere!
From Aggi (Isaac) Hanson, Glasgow
He's a talented guy, and he deserves tons of fans! Why not let us know who your favourite Hanson is?

MEET SCARY BABY SPICE!

Dear Gav,
This is a smaller, younger and much scarier version of Scary Spice. It's my cousin Naomi Prichett, who's six and she'd be dead chuffed if she saw her photo in *Smash Hits*.
Love Nicola Foss, Nottingham.
Blimey, she certainly is much scarier! Anyone else have mini relatives that look like pop-stars? Send your piccies to the usual address and mark your envelope 'Teeny Weeny Pop Stars'.

MAD LETTER ALERT

Dearest Gavin,
Hi! My name is Chinky de Guzman. I am from Manila. I used to like all of Boyzone, but I found out Ronan was a big tub of jerkiness. He's a total jerk. I used to like him but now, that's all changed. I like Boyzone but only Steve, Shane, Mikey and Keith.
C.D.G, Nueva Ecija
Hmm, I am thinking you are mad. Ronan's a lovely bloke and certainly not a 'big tub of jerkiness' whatever that is!

A SMASH HITS PROMOTION

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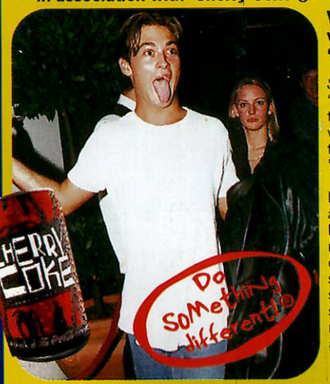

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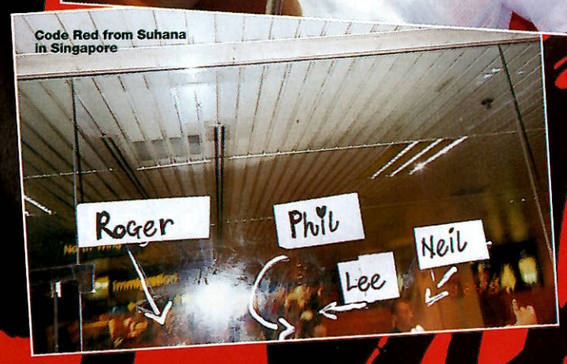
Spike (911) from Sin Muchareahsup, Thailand



Code Red from Suhana in Singapore

LETTERS PAGE

Win a pen!
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ELECTRICKERY!

Dear Gav,
I've read your letters about Hanson making scales and clocks, but what Hanson are really good at is (apart from singing of course) electrics! And here's the picture to prove that the lads really could fix your telly!
Luv from Laura Applegarth, East Yorkshire
They certainly are talented little fellas, maybe they can mend the office photocopier...

ACT YOUR AGE!

Dear Gav,
I have an embarrassing problem. My mum fancies Brian from the Backstreet Boys! I couldn't believe what she said when she saw him on MTV. Mum said he was a bit of stuff and that he had a cute behind! I was well shocked. I mean, my mum's 39 years old and Brian's 22. What do you think Gav? No chance!!!!
Love from Leanne Graham, Kettering
Tell your mum to behave herself, pop stars are for the kids! Oldsters should fancy someone like (Sir) Cliff Richard!

WITCH WARNING!

Dear Gavin,
Help!! Me and my friend Beverley were having take-away pizza with Hanson and a really old lady came to the door so we went to answer it. The old lady stuffed an apple down Zac's gob and he turned into a doll! The witch says that £20 will save him, and we are broke. Could you loan us the dosh?
Love Morna McMurtry, Aberdeen
That's not a Zac doll, that's the real Zac! I don't believe in witches. The only scary woman I know is Helen in the office - and that's just her singing!

LETTER OF THE FORTNIGHT £20 WINNER!

YIKES, IT'S PUFF MUMMY!

Dear Gav,
We've all heard of the great and totally gorgeous Puff Daddy, but my bezzie mate Puff Mummy has been feeling a bit left out lately. To cheer her up I have promised her that I will help to make her famous, so please send us £20 so that we can go shopping for some v. gorge pop star clothes for her.
Lindsay Heaven, Cheltenham
Always glad to help, Lindsay. Everyone here at *Smash Hits* feels very sorry for poor old Puff Mummy, so have a nice crisp £20 from us to spend on some cool pop star threads!

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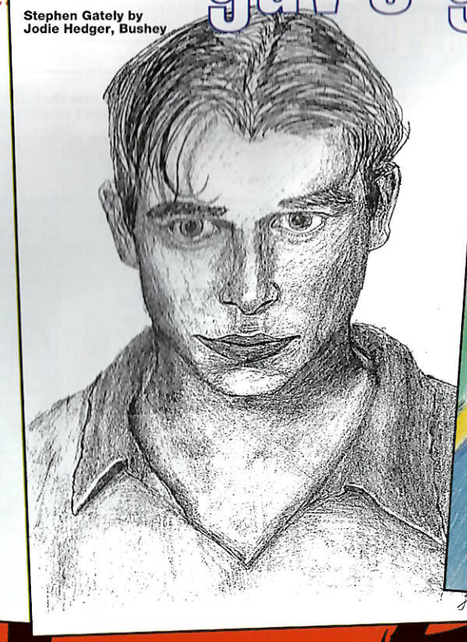
Peter Andre by Misty Tarpey, Birmingham



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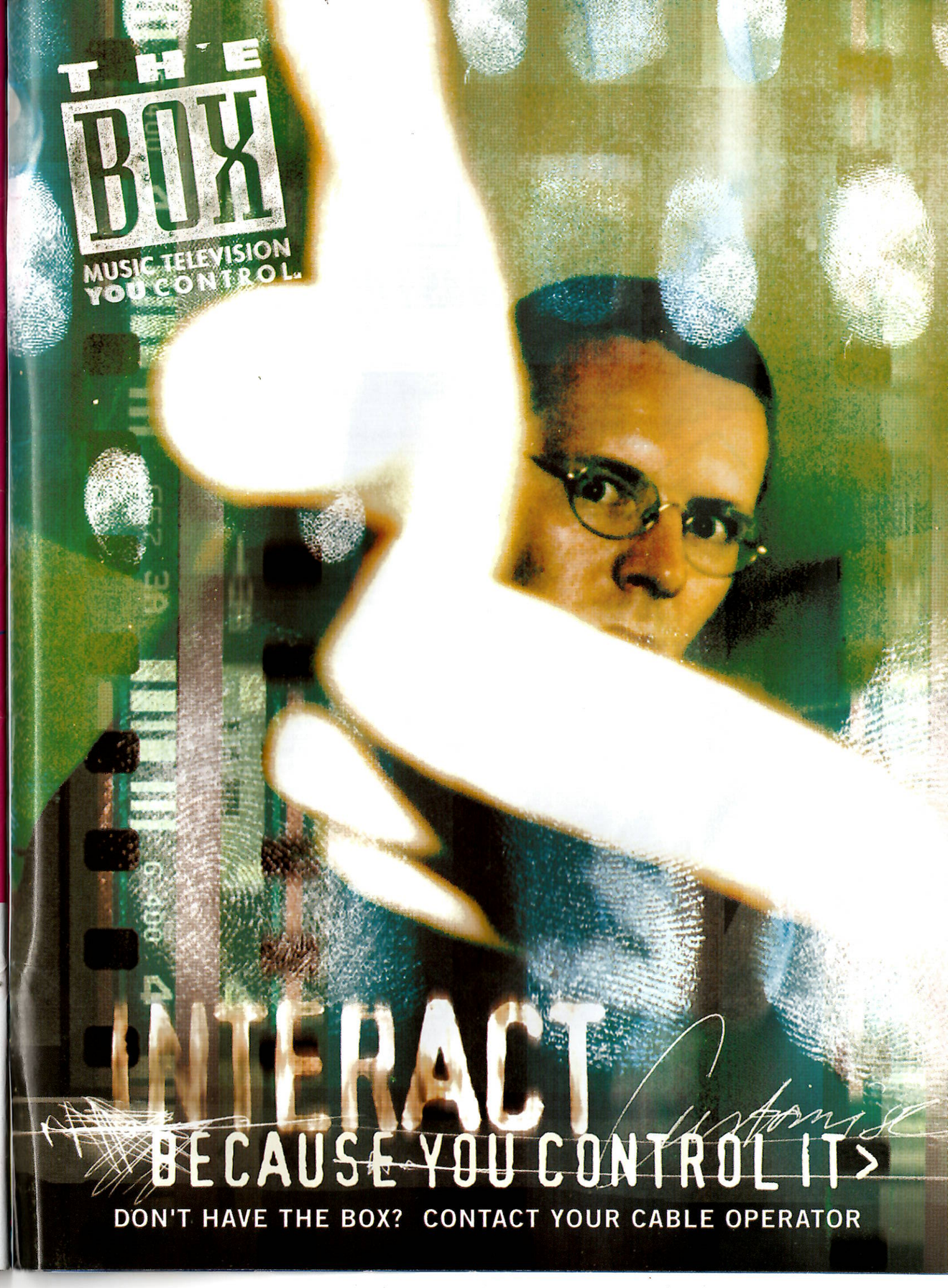


NELSON'S COLUMN

HE'S SMASH HITS' OWN HOUND THAT THE STARS HANG AROUND!

Woof! Nelson 'ere! But only just... This fortnight I've been pawed by more pop-stars than I've had dog's dinners! Now, normally there's nothing I like more than mixing it with all my favourite pop chums, but this fortnight I've been absolutely hounded! Seems like everybody wants a piece of Pop's Best Friend!

"C'mon Nels, just a quick trim!"

First up, were those cheeky scamps from **North And South**, who started pulling at my ears, begging me to copy James's latest hairstyle! "Certainly not!" I woofed "It'd clash with my jacket for starters!" Next I nipped off for a posh luncheon date with me old pal **Ant McPartlin**. Unfortunately when I arrived (fashionably late, of course) he snatched me up, growling, "I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse!" "Well, gerroff me!" I snapped, "I'm a hound!" These pop types are all the same, their bark is always much worse than their bite...

"Ow, gerroff, you cheeky young scamp!"

After that lucky escape I was pleased as pooch when the lovely **Louise** called me up on the old dog 'n' bone! I decided to take her for a walk in my favourite park and after she promised to behave I even let her off the leash! After that, she popped me on her lap, whispering, "Can I write 'Lou 4 Nels' on the bench?" "No, you can't!" I barked back. Whatever would Jamie say?

"Forget it Jamie, Lou's all mine!"

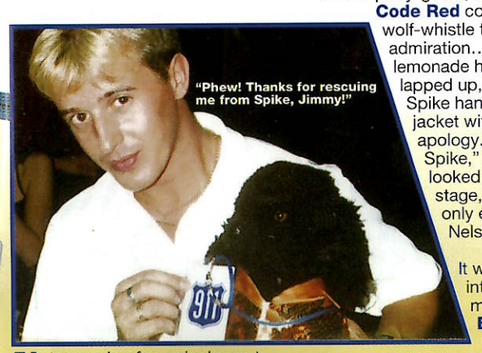
Next up was new pop slickster **Jimmy Ray**, who pounced on me in a dark room and wouldn't let me go! He just kept saying, "Are y-you really Nelson?" "Indeed I am" said I, "Are you Jimmy Ray?" These young pop pups, they're always so starstruck the first time they clap eyes my shiny coat and cool sequinned jacket!

Talking of young pups, I'm always busy sniffing out tomorrow's future stars and this fortnight my bloodhound instincts had my nose twitching on overtime! First, I nosed around **Solid Harmony** and **Awesome** before padding across town to catch sassy youngsters **Cleopatra** breaking out at London Zoo! Then I scampered down to spy Pop Bus passengers **Five** at the swanky *Harvey Nicholls* bar. This new combo may be able to shake a leg or ten, but they really don't know the first thing about dog-handling!

Louise popped me on her lap and whispered, "Can I write 'Lou 4 Nels' on the bench?"

"Yay, now I'm a Backsteet Dog!"

But the pesky popster just wouldn't listen, so I boldly arrived at the after-show party in just my magnificent black fur! That was more than those **F.A.B.** Irish lasses could stand and they ran over giggling with glee, "Oooh, Nelson you look better than ever!" Fellow party-goers, **N-Tyce** and **Code Red** could only wolf-whistle their admiration... Once all the lemonade had been lapped up, a hangdog Spike handed back my jacket with a heartfelt apology. "Don't worry Spike," I said, "You looked really good on stage, but there will only ever be one Nelson!"



"Phew! Thanks for rescuing me from Spike, Jimmy!"

Not paw-sing for a single pant, I popped onto my private gold-sequinned jet for a quick trip to Glasgow, where **911** were playing the first date of their UK tour. But no sooner had I set paw in sunny Scotland than **Spike** scooped me up and nabbed my golden jacket! "I want to wear this on stage!" he shouted. "Don't be silly, Spike!" I growled, "My jacket's too big for you. Besides it's not your colour!"

It was nice to run into my old muckers the **Backstreet Boys** when they arrived in town for a few nights. I spent hours discussing hair and styling tips with AJ. After a heated debate I declined an offer to ditch my spangled jacket for a pair of Tommy Hilfiger dungarees (although I think you'll agree they rather suit me) and told the young whippersnapper I wasn't going to be following his crazy yellow hair craze. Oh well, all's fur in love and hair, I suppose!

A pop dog like me's always on the town, but my fellow party-loving pooch **Jarvis Cocker** seems to have been enjoying more quiet nights in his basket recently. So I was tail-waggingly pleased to see the fella wandering down London's Shaftesbury Avenue looking like a dog's dinner. He told me that his band Pulp have a new single called *Help The Aged* out soon, with an album called *Hard Cord* to follow! "That's news to cock anyone's leg!" I growled. "When I'm in an indie mood, there's nothing I like cleaning my ears to more!"

NELSON LOOKALIKE

Woof! The Spice Girls have the Spice It Up Girls, Oasis have No Way Sis and now I've got my very own tribute dog! Alexandra Tais from France sent me this picture of her pet pooch. Not a bad looking mutt, methinks, but a nice shiny jacket makes the world of difference. Still, if I ever need a paw with my work in the pop world, I'll be barking up your tree Alexandra!

"Le woof! Le woof! Bonjour Nels!"

nelson x

ON THE DOG 'N' BONE WITH SHAZNAY FROM ALL SAINTS

So Shaz, you must have been chuffed when your single *I Know Where It's At* did so well!
"Yeah, I'm ecstatic. I never imagined it would go in at No. 4! We're looking forward to the next one now though, the video has us walking through explosions!"
Don't singe your fur! Now you're bone-afide pop stars, have you been out schmoozing?
"No, not at all! We haven't had a party yet, we've been working! We'll have one eventually, and I'll invite everyone from my diary and *Smash Hits*, and you Nels, of course."
What sort of bash will you have?
"We'll have Twister, spin the bottle, pin the tail on the donkey, and I'd also like a paddling pool full of mud, for mud fights!"
So long as no-one pins my tail anywhere! So, who will you be snoggin' on the *Smash Hits* Pop Bus?
"No-one, I'm driving! And the rest of the Saints are collecting the fares!"

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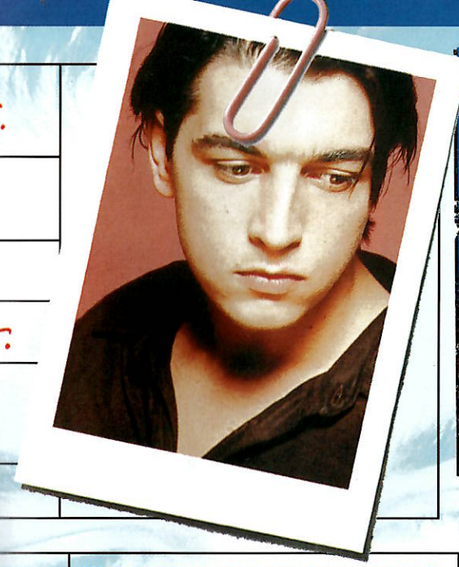

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Distinguishing marks: A FAINT SCAR ON MY NOSE.

Job: ARTIST.

I do this job because...

It's the best job in the world. There's no routine about it.

Earliest childhood memory:

Probably drinking a bottle of Smithwicks Irish ale with me dad in the back garden. I was only about five!

Do you have a criminal record?

No. I've got a clean sheet. I've been in trouble, but nothing serious, I've always been fairly good.

First record you bought:

Oh man! I think it was Nik Kershaw's Don Quixote or Duran Duran's Wild Boys.

Last record you bought:

Oh, I don't know. We get them all for free now you see. I don't buy many. The last one I received was Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits.

First poster you put on your wall:

It was Duran Duran. Now I've got Bob Marley, Cindy Crawford and Man United!

Describe yourself in five words:

Proud, not tall, happy, smelly and fun.

Worst item of clothing you've ever bought:

I spent a tenner on a pair of trousers that I never wore. I spent another tenner getting them cleaned. A total waste.

Most embarrassing thing you've done recently:

Getting pooed on by a baby leopard! I wasn't scared 'cos it was only two weeks old, but it was quite vicious for a baby.

What book are you reading at the moment?

The General. It's about a Dublin crime lord. This guy was the Godfather of crime. I prefer true stories to fiction.

Previous jobs:

I was a lab technician, I was a bar man and I ran a food place - a mobile catering service.

Last film you saw:

The Golden Dragon or something - Jean Claude Van Damme was in it.

Last dream you had:

I can't remember now., I always have cool dreams though. I dream I'm flying a lot.

Who do you fancy?

I fancy loads of chicks. I always see girls when we're in the car, but no-one in particular.

What did you do last Saturday night?

I went to a bar in Dublin with me brother.

I would say I'm a good person because...

I don't do mean things.

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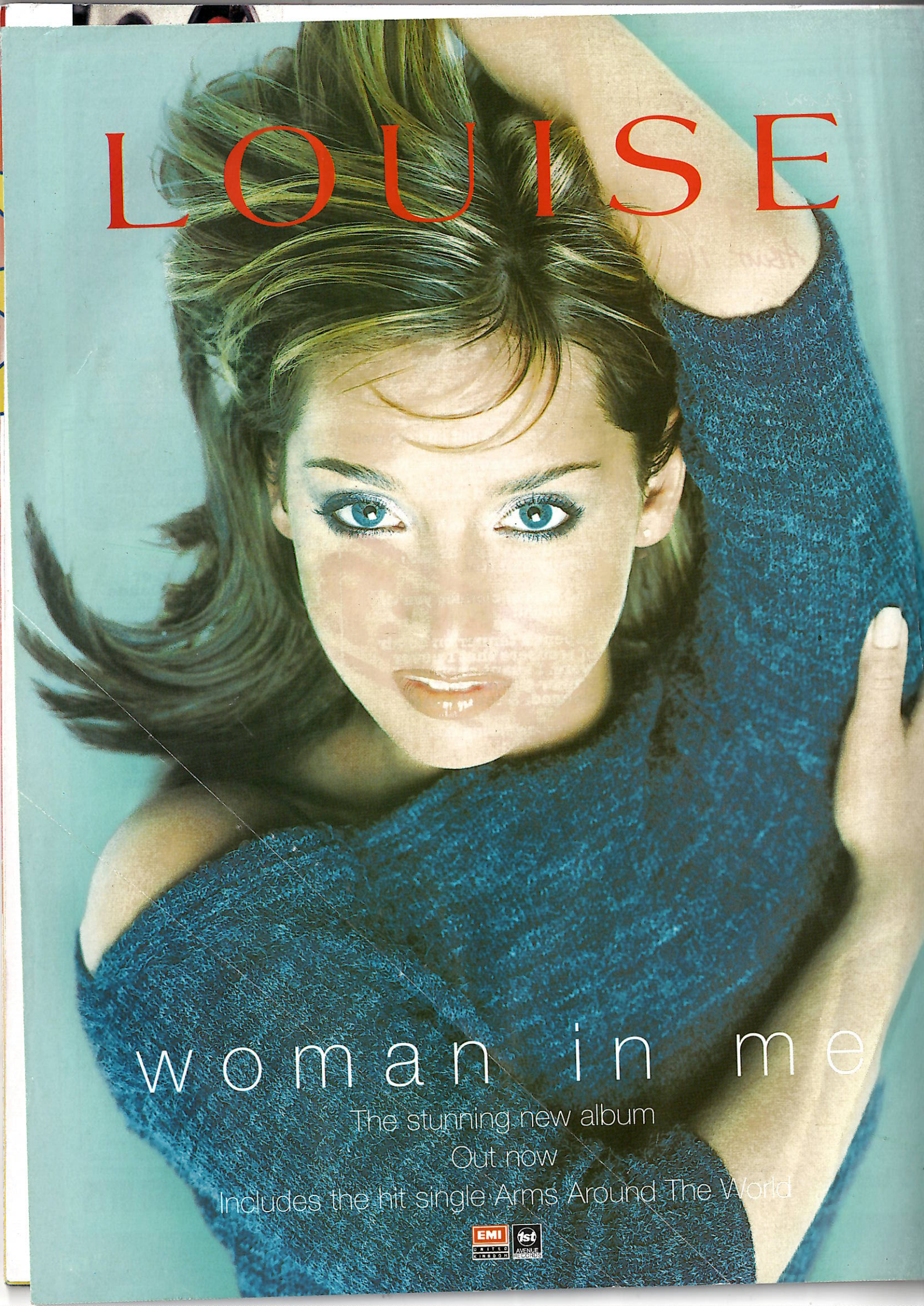
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